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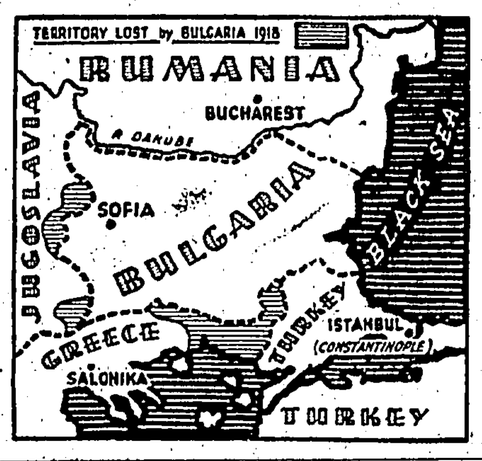
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R.A.F. BOMBS AND MACHINE-GUNS DISRUPT NAZI PANZER DIVISIONS

Tremendous Battles For The Greek Valleys



By RICHARD MCMILLAN
Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, Apr. 8 (UP).—Royal Air Force fighters and bombers are aiding the Greeks to hold the mountain passes as the fury of the German attacks intensifies.

British bombers and machine-gunners have set their sights on the long lines of Panzer divisions which are filing through the valleys, particularly in the upper Struma Valley.

The British air attacks are extremely fierce as heavy reinforcements of the R.A.F. continue to pour into Greece.

ALL-DAY AIR BATTLES

Forts like Rupel and Vista which, as the communiques announce, are holding out against the heaviest assaults, are strong pillboxes dug into the wooded hillsides, and form part of the Metaxas Line which is manned by crack Greek troops whose motto is "Death rather than surrender."

British fighter planes throughout the day fought air battles, checkmating enemy planes dive-bombing the mountain forts, where the tactics of the battle of France are being repeated, the planes being employed as artillery while the tanks attempt to smash through the gaps and clear a way for the infantry.

The announcement of the evacuation of western Thrace was not a surprise, as this was part of the general plan envisaged for the hostilities in order to shorten the line, even though it gave the enemy a foothold on the Aegean Sea.

It is officially announced that the R.A.F. made heavy raids on enemy positions in Bulgaria, hitting vital points along the lines of communication, principally at Sofia, Gornadjumaya, Simtill, Patriarch and Strumica, machine-gunning and bombing enemy troops, convoys and rail stations.

British Army To Meet Nazi Shock Troops

The British army in the Balkans, strongly reinforced by tanks and all other units since the earlier contingents disembarked in Greece, is preparing to meet the Nazi shock troops as the enemy increases his efforts to break through the Macedonian mountains to the Aegean.

Greek advance elements and frontier guards are putting up a valiant fight against the Panzer divisions which suffered heavy losses in tanks.

It is recalled that the Greeks are using many British anti-tank guns

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Greeks Greeted In Albania

A new turn in the Albanian war is possible as a result of the reported invasion of the northern part of the country by Yugo-Slav troops. In the meantime, the Greeks continue to keep the Italians on the run in Albania. This picture shows Greek soldiers being welcomed by an Albanian notable on entering an Albanian village.



NAZI STRATEGY IN BALKANS

Seek To Drive A Wedge

(By "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, Apr. 8.—The statement in the Greek official communique that the Yugo-Slavs had fallen back on the Greek left wing, leaving it "uncovered," suggests that the Germans are pursuing the same strategy in the Balkans as in France where their drive against the "hinge" of the French and Belgian lines forced a wedge between the north and south Allied armies with results which the world knows.

It would seem that the Germans are now attempting to establish themselves between the Greeks and the Yugo-Slavs by a lateral thrust along the Strumitza Valley which, if successful, would give access to the Vardar Valley.

Link With Italians

It might even be pushed to the Albanian borders so as to link up with the Italians.

But conditions in France were very different from those prevailing in Yugo-Slavia to-day. In France not only were there magnificent roads which made travel and transport easy but food and petrol were available at every village and at every cross-road.

In Southern Serbia, the roads are little better than tracks and both petrol and supplies will have to be carried with the advance.

Size of Wedge

Also, in France the wedge formed was so wide and strong that it was proof against the Allied attempts to

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Bombing Of Sofia Described

Trucks Hurled In Air

ATHENS, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—"I should not have liked to be anywhere near the Sofia railway station on Sunday night as the neighbourhood of the railway junction must have been particularly unhealthy," said one of the R.A.F. pilots on his return from a raid on Sofia.

He continued: "One stick of bombs from our aircraft scored direct hits on the tracks and we saw trucks being hurled into the air. It was good bombing all right. We were not the only ones to score because we saw a continuous white glow where the station buildings of Sofia should have been when we arrived.

Searchlights Attacked

"My navigator was saved much trouble by the fires which guided us to our target. It was a small edition of the fires which burn every night in the Ruhr. The front gunner put paid to the crews of a couple of searchlights and anti-aircraft gun before we got down to business.

"The anti-aircraft fire was pretty intense but we got to our targets all right and bombed and stayed to watch the results. Then we had a crack at the convoys on the road down the Struma Valley, machine-gunning them. After that, we made for home."

War Aid For Yugo-Slavia

U.S. Loading Ships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (UP).—Authoritative sources to-day revealed that the first shipment of unspecified types of war materials for Yugo-Slavia is already being loaded on ships at United States coastal points. The materials are likely to include 75 m.m. guns.

Meanwhile, shipping is the major problem and the Yugo-Slavian Minister, M. Fotich, has arranged to requisition seven Yugo-Slavian ships in United States waters, but it is not known whether or not they will be used for the first shipments.

German Planes Raid N. Ireland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ZURICH, Apr. 8 (UP).—The German radio was heard to announce that for the first time during the war, German planes attacked northern Ireland. They reported that several large fires had been started.

British Invade Bulgaria

Troops Penetrate Border, Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Apr. 8 (UP).—The Greek radio reports that British troops have penetrated Bulgarian soil and that the British Legation staff is leaving within 48 hours, via Russia.

Bombs On Bulgaria

ATHENS, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Heavy raids by formations of R.A.F. bombers on enemy positions in Bulgaria during the night of April 6 are reported in a communique issued by the headquarters of the British forces in Greece.

It says that a railway junction and marshalling yards in Sofia were attacked successfully, direct hits causing many fires and explosions in the railway yards and industrial area. Railway trucks were seen to be hurled into the air.

Lorries in the Struma Valley road were machine-gunned.

Another formation bombed the railway station at Gorna Djumaya, where fires were started.

At Simitli, the railway station and road junction, a motor transport convoy and troop concentrations were attacked. Bombs straddled the railway and road, exploding near some sheds and causing many fires. A motor transport convoy was successfully machine-gunned.

Petrich Raided

The town of Petrich was also raided by our bombers but the full results could not be observed owing to smoke from numerous fires in the area.

Yesterday in bad weather, our bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked a large motor transport concen-

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R.A.F. ATTACK ON KIEL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 8 (UP).—The Air Ministry to-day announced that the Bomber Command last night made a heavy and successful attack on Kiel.

Great fires were started and there was much destruction in the submarine building yards.

The raid lasted nearly five hours.

Attacks were also made on Bremerhaven and Emden.

Fiery Onslaught By Greeks In Latest Albanian Offensive

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The offensive operations begun by the Greek troops on the Albanian front yesterday continue with "exceptional success," according to the latest reports from the front, says the Athens radio to-night.

The announcer continued: "In the early hours of yesterday, after artillery preparation, our forces launched a strong attack. The violence of our action was so great that enemy fortified positions, barbed-wire entanglements and machine-gun nests were annihilated.

"The enemy was chased out of his positions and suffered a real debacle in men and material. The struggle continued throughout the day. The Italians left dead, wounded and war material on the battle-field and prisoners in our hands."

Defences Taken Over

Describing the attack, the correspondent at the front of the newspaper "Estia" says: "Greek infantry detachments fell upon the enemy with tempestuous violence. Fortified works, machine-gun posts and several lines of trenches were captured at the point of the bayonet in a sweeping charge. Our troops then occupied and reorganised these Italian positions.

"Prisoners were taken in big numbers together with plentiful stores and ammunition. Italian casualties in killed and wounded were heavy."

U-BOAT CREWS CAPTURED

Recent Operations

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Over 50 German U-boat officers, including one of Germany's ace commanders, and considerably more than 400 German petty officers and men are prisoners of war.

These figures are given in an Admiralty communique which adds that the number of U-boats operating has lately been large and British countermeasures have recently met with correspondingly greater success.

One of the prisoners is Commander Kretschmer, the Captain of U-boat 99, who is regarded in Germany as one of the most notable and successful of U-boat commanders. In August, 1940, he was decorated with the Knight's or Iron Cross. Last December, Hitler bestowed on him the Oak Leaves, denoting a higher class of this decoration. He recently received special promotion.

Italians As Well

The communique also says that there are also a number of Italian U-boat prisoners in British hands.

As no guidance is given of the number of U-boats sunk without a trace and as many prisoners may be only a proportion of the crews, the Admiralty figures do not make it possible to calculate how many U-boats have been sunk.

The normal complement of German submarines varies from 23 in the coastal type to 35 and 40 in the ocean-going type.

Notable Captive

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Commander Kretschmer, one of the lead-

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FRENCH SEA TRAFFIC

M.P.'s Allegations

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Striking allegations about trade between France and her colonies were made by the Liberal member, Mr Geoffrey le Mander, in the House of Commons to-day.

In a question, he suggested that the weekly crossings between France and Africa average 70;

that ships pass Gibraltar from Dakar, Morocco, Indo-China and the Antilles largely unchallenged;

and that imports between October and February amounted to many tons

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Dazzling Work By British Pilots In Western Desert

CAIRO, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Aircraft of the R.A.F. and Royal Australian Air Force in Cirenaica have been operating continuously for the past week, covering a concentration of Imperial troops in their new positions and harassing the enemy's lines of communication, says a Middle East communique.

The communique adds: "Our bombers raided aerodromes in the neighbourhood of Benghazi and, assisted by fighters, have attacked enemy motor transport and troop concentrations ceaselessly.

"Detailed reports are not available but during one day alone our fighters shot down 14 enemy aircraft, believed to be German, without loss to themselves.

"On another day, four enemy aircraft were destroyed, again without the loss of a British plane."

Abyssinia Bombed

NAIROBI, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—To-day's official air communique states:

"Further details of the South African Air Force raid on Kombulcha on April 6 show that our fighters destroyed ten enemy aircraft dispersed at the aerodrome and damaged many others of all types.

"In addition, our fighter escort shot down two CR42's at Kombulcha, where another enemy aircraft taking off was also damaged and another, taxi-ing on the runway, was destroyed.

"Other bombers secured direct hits on aerodrome buildings at Dessie and several heavy bombs were dropped on a motor transport park north of the buildings.

"Motor transport on the Dessie Road was attacked by bombers and fighters and several lorries were also attacked.

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

Allied Retreat From Salonika Is Hinted

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Apr. 8 (UP).—Military quarters here declare that Salonika "may have lost some of its importance since the last war, because it is within close bombing range of the airfields in Bulgaria." This is construed in unofficial quarters as preparing the public for a possible Allied withdrawal from Salonika.

They said the British withdrawal of advanced troops in Cirenaica is proceeding and it was added that the "action is not necessarily finished" which is believed to mean that further retirement is possible.

The same quarters also said: "There is no confirmation of the report that the Germans have reached the Aegean Sea in western Thrace."

It was asserted that "Massawa is still holding out and the operations are still continuing. The British forces which took Kassala are now split (UP) some working to the south towards Dessie and others towards Massawa."

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St George's Society

Charitable Fund

The report of the Committee of the Society of St George, Hongkong, for presentation at the twenty-fourth annual general meeting to be held in the Board Room of the Hongkong Jockey Club, Exchange Building, on Friday, April 16, at 5.30 p.m., states:

It is with much regret that your Committee have to report the deaths of Mr Justice Lindsell, Messrs. D. F. Kilby, A. J. J. Martin, G. Polglase, and A. M. Thornhill.

The Committee has pleasure in presenting the report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1940. After transferring the balance of $50 on Ball Account, the general funds show a balance of $3,008.95, a reduction of $382 when compared with the figures for 1939. Grants and donations were heavier than usual. Six calls for relief were made on the Society, and an amount of $1,123.50 was paid out. All appeals for help were dealt with by a Special Sub-Committee. A donation of $200 was made to Earl Haig's Fund.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says:

Enquiries have slowed down and for the present little interest is shown in the market.

Buyers
Union Ins. $430
Hotels X.D. $3
Humphreys $0.80
Star Ferries $52
Ropes $7
Dairy Farms $17.25
Entertainments $6.50

Sellers
Watsons $10

Sales
Providents $5.30
Star $53
Lights "O" $0.20
Ropes $7.25/7

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 11th, 12th and 14th April, 1941. (Easter Holidays).

Hongkong, 7th April, 1941.

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

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The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

Medical Benefits

A total of 10,085 cases were treated by the various centres of the New Territory Relief Association during March. Of these 1,930 were treated at the Haw Par Hospital, 842 at Kam Tin, 1,552 at Tsuen Wan, 1,015 at Tun Mun, 816 at Shataukok, 1,977 at Fanling, 361 at Takuling, 848 at Shatin and 739 at Ha Tsuen.

There were 48 in-patients at the Haw Par Hospital, and the number of patients seen by doctors totalled 950.

The Tiger Balm ambulance answered 130 calls during the month, and carried 117 patients, while 1,025 cases were treated at the Haw Par Accident Station.

English Club Meeting

A luncheon meeting celebrating the second anniversary of the founding of the English Club of Canton University was held yesterday at Cafe Windsor.

Mr C. S. Chu, Chairman, extended greetings to the members, and was followed by a talk by Prof. B. C. Tai, honorary adviser.

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DOWNED IN ENGLAND—Here are remains of an Italian bomber brought down in England. End of the sky trail was in a fir forest near Ipswich, where the bomber crashed from gun-fire.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 Hawaiian Selections.
12.50 Reginald Dixon at the Organ.
Down the Mall (Belton); Dixon Hits No. 7.
1.00 Local Time Signal.
1.01 **Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan.**
'Iolanthe' 'Patience'.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 Dance Music by Gerry Moore and His Rhythm.
2.15 Close Down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 De Groot and His Orchestra with Richard Tauber (Tenor).
Waldteufel Memories (arr. Finck) De Groot and His Orchestra; I Want the World to Know (film 'Music for Madame'); To The Land of My Own Romance (V. Herbert).... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra; 'Louise'—Selection (Charpentier)...De Groot and His Orchestra; Serenade; Sleep Song (both from film 'Pagliacci'—Leoncavallo-Drinkwater....Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra; Evensong (Easthone Martin)....De Groot and His Orchestra.
7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—Talk: 'Britain Speaks'.
J. B. Priestly.
7.30 A Chopin Programme.
Impromptu No. 1 in A Flat Major, Op. 29; Impromptu No. 2 in F Sharp Major, Op. 36....Alfred Cortot (Piano); Ballade No. 2 in F Major, Op 38....Alfred Cortot (Piano); Waltz in C Sharp Minor...Bronislaw Hubermann (Violin) with Piano; Scherzo No. 2 in B Flat Minor, Op. 31.....Arthur Rubinstein (Piano); Nocturne in F Sharp Major, Op. 15, No. 2....Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).
8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 Vaughan Williams—Serenade to Music.
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8.17 Cesar Franck—Symphony in D Minor.
1st Mov: Lento-Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov: Allegretto; 3rd Mov: Allegro non troppo....Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.
9.00 London Relay—The News.
9.15 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
9.30 Humorous and Vocal Variety.
9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 Studio—Our letter from Free China.
10.15 Dance Music.
11.00 Close Down.

Crew Rewarded By Court

Jervis Bay Echo

The crew of the San Demetrio, one of the 38 convoy ships saved by the British merchant cruiser Jervis Bay on November 5, was awarded £14,700 sterling in a London court recently for salvaging the damaged tanker and taking her 700 miles across the wintry Atlantic to Ireland.

The owners of the ship, which was worth £250,000 and which carried a cargo valued at £60,000, paid the costs of action. The judge praised the crew's achievement as unprecedented.

Second Officer Hawkins and Chief Engineer C. Pollard each was awarded £2,000.

Chanel Goes to Set Fashions in Berlin

MLLE. GABRIELLE CHANEL, Paris dressmaker who has been described as the most brilliant couturiere of our day, is going to open a salon in Berlin, according to report from a neutral source.

It is said that Chanel and two other well-known designers, a man and a woman, were invited by the Nazis to take with them to Berlin a dressmaker each and five assistants, and open establishments in the fashionable Unter den Linden district.

The woman designer refused at once; the man, it is understood, agreed to consider the proposal.

Chanel, whose French staff refused to accompany her to Berlin, persuaded several of her male competitor's best workers to join her.

Hearing this, he went to his former employees' rooms, it is said, and destroyed every design, pattern and note concerning gowns they had worked on for him.

The Nazi authorities in Paris have arrested him for "this mischievous action."

Nazi Promise

Chanel has made it a condition that she must have access to every sort of clothing material made in Germany. The Germans have also promised to give her fine silks and Oriental cloths.

Chanel formerly had a salon in Grosvenor-square, London.

She dressed the Queen when she was Duchess of York.

Four years ago, when 300 of her sewing girls in Paris went on strike for weekly wages instead of piecework payment, she dismissed them all and closed her shop.

In protest, the girls locked themselves in her workrooms for nearly three weeks. They withdrew and reopened the premises after Chanel had promised to consider methods of co-operative working.

A.R.P. Competition

The final competition between A.R.P. posts in the Yaumati district was held at the A.R.P. Club, King's Park, yesterday before Wing Comdr. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions.

The inter-district shield presented by Mr Tsang Yung, was won by D district under Mr P. A. Dixon, and the inter-post competition by Yaumati B Post under Mr C. F. Osmund.

Col E. D. Mathews and Mr A. Howard were judges. Major C. M. Manners, Chief A.R.P. Warden for Kowloon, distributed the prizes.

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SCOTS WED POLES

Sixty Scots girls have found romance since units of the Polish Army have been stationed in their district.

They have become the brides of the exiled young soldiers.

By their smart bearing and courtesy, the Polish soldiers made a fine impression on their hosts and it was not long before the exiles were courting their Scottish friends by the score.

In many cases Father Nowacki, the Polish chaplain in a West Scotland town, has officiated at the marriages.

"Polish and the Scottish people have a great deal in common," a prominent member of the Polish community told a reporter. "Temperamentally the two races seem to be well suited.

No Religious Ties

"In nearly every case the young men have married Catholic girls, so that any question of change of religion on one side or the other has not troubled us.

"Polish soldiers and all who have found refuge here are deeply sensitive of the welcome which we have been given.

POST OFFICE

EASTER HOLIDAYS

On Friday 11th April; Saturday 12th April and Monday 14th April, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:—

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Shoungwan Branch P.O.	8-10 a.m.	8- 9 a.m.	8-10 a.m.

All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at
11.30 a.m. Friday, 11th April
10.00 a.m. Saturday, 12th April
11.30 a.m. Monday, 14th April

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taipo and Un Long.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 2nd April. Apr. 9.
Canton. Apr. 9.
Java and Manila Apr. 9.
Saigon Apr. 9.
Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service"—(complete Mail) by Sea from Singapore. Apr. 9.
Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (Australia only) by Sea from Singapore. Apr. 10.
Rangoon Apr. 10.
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Rangoon and Straits Apr. 14.
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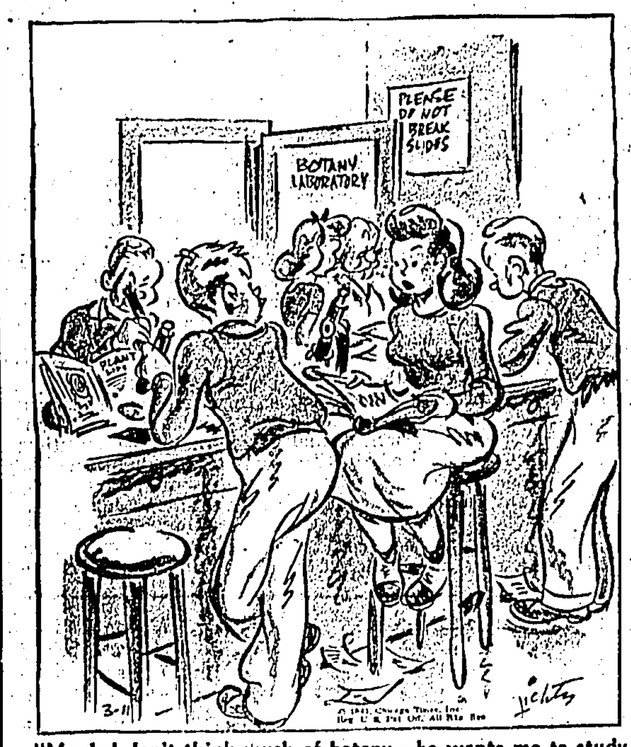
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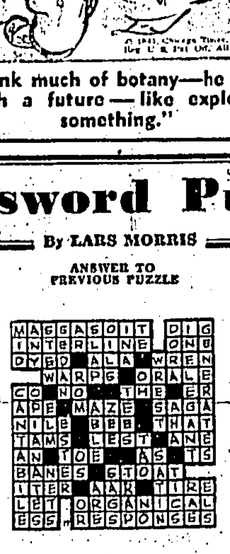
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Outdoor game
5—Abode of dead
10—Suppose
14—Egg-shaped
15—Apart
16—Town in Nevada
17—Ill-mannered
18—Male of red deer
19—State of tranquillity
20—Independent Moslem commander
22—A single
23—Hell
24—Human figure in marble
26—Piece of refuse
27—Exist as
29—Human beings
30—Girl's name
31—Residence (abbr.)
34—South American country
37—Approaching maturity
40—In inclined position
42—Sick
43—One who devours
44—Vote by people on proposed law
47—Prefix: half
48—Golf mound
49—Unit of energy
50—Female pig
52—River in Livonia
53—Device for agitating air
54—Begins
57—Frozen rain
60—Ban
61—Fermenting agent
64—Linger
65—Kind of gem

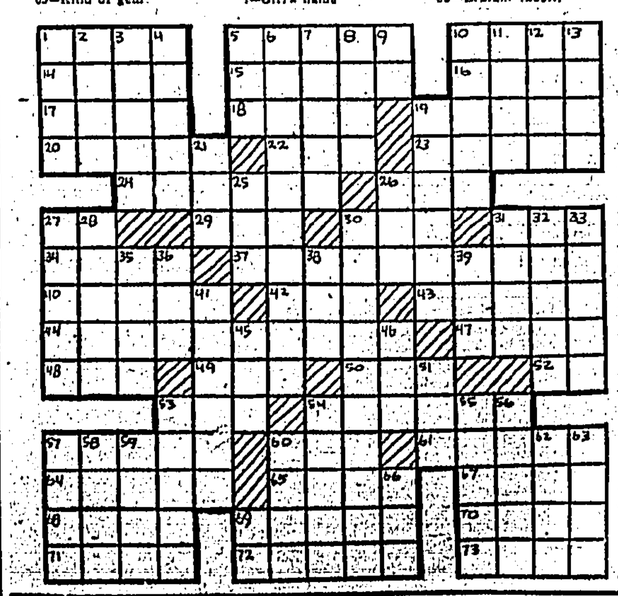
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



DOWN

1—Wedge-shaped piece
2—Cell formed in ovary
3—Puts burden on
4—Collection of ships
5—Possesses
6—Stupefying
7—Girl's name
8—Rim
9—Selenium
10—Apply special process to
11—Scan
12—At one time
13—Troubles
19—Peculiar habit of language
21—Male goat
25—Brew
26—Suffix denoting direction
27—Separated
28—Affray
30—Adorn with pictures
31—Network
32—Medicinal liquid
33—Narrow streak
35—Abundant
36—Employ
38—Aged
39—Vulgar fellow (col.)
41—Agreement between nations
45—Bird of prey
46—Extinct bird of New Zealand
51—Contorted
53—Flowerless plants
54—Relishable
55—Moderately warm
56—Food dressing
57—Salt
58—Receive cargoes
59—Ireland
60—Philippine cutlass
62—Plum-like astringent fruit
63—Exert influence in certain direction
66—One of thirteen popes
69—Erbium (abbr.)

67—Pipe like chicken.
68—Chief of gods
69—Choicest part
70—Holy picture.
71—Writing instruments
72—Wild West show
73—Performance



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OUR GREAT NEW ARMY—10

Now they love their iron horses

By H. V. MORTON

A LIEUTENANT with the face of his sister came over to the ante-room fire and lit a cigarette. It had been whispered to me that this child had performed fearless deeds in France with the cavalry tanks.

He talked to me about modern war in a cold, dispassionate way. It was positively hair-raising to hear such a gentle, lady-like young man describe horrors without a trace of emotion.

He might have been describing a vicarage tea party. His was the voice, and his the eyes, of a disillusioned generation.

"It beats me why people in this country haven't been told some of the filthy tricks the Germans played on the French civilians," he said. "I should have thought it would have been good stuff for our Ministry of Information; but I suppose it's not gentlemanly enough for them.

"Tough Guys"

"You know that tanks lie up at night in what we call harbours, generally a lonely wood or a little village. The German tank crews are taught to go without food and drink for a whole day, sometimes longer. They like doing it, too. Tough guys—you know the idea?

"Well, the consequence is that, when night comes, they are hungry as wolves. They find a harbour, stuff their bellies till they can hardly move and go to sleep. That's the time for the Home Guard to get them; but France hadn't got a Home Guard.

"Now what happened more than once was this. A few German tanks would arrive in a lonely village just as it was getting dark. The villagers would gather round and stand about watching them.

"Suddenly, without warning, a light automatic would be turned on them, killing perhaps five and wounding maybe seven, and the rest would rush away and lock their doors.

"Then, having deliberately terrorised the village—locked it up with fear, so to speak, for the night—the Germans would post one sentry over the dead and dying and—go to sleep. Lovable people, the Jerries. . . ."

Cavalry To-day

It had stopped raining, and he took me out to look at the tanks.

The regiment was a crack cavalry regiment that has been charging through English history for the last three centuries.

Just to mention the name of this regiment or to see it in print is to have a mental picture of cavalry in line, neck to neck, galloping all out, the horses with distended nostrils and the troopers, some bareheaded, leaning forward with drawn sabres. That has been the function of the regiment in war since it was formed long ago.

Now you will find these cavalrymen, well hidden in the English countryside, tending a number of big, muddy monsters, from whose turrets protrude guns.

"Done Proud"

We saw a number of heavy armoured chargers being groomed in a pine wood.

A young troop officer came up, the same kind of young man who in former days would have been walking the horselines in riding-boots and spurs; now he wore battle-dress.

Like most of the regiment, he had been in France, fighting in a tank from the moment of landing until the evacuation. He described to me the tragedy of having to retreat, leaving all vehicles and equipment on the other side.

"But now we're re-equipped to the last button," he said, "and much better equipped than we were when we went out. The W.O. has done us proud. Look at our new tanks! They're beauties."

(Good heavens, I thought, this is how men used to talk about horses! He'll be asking me to run my hand down the mechanical equivalent of a hock.)

"I'll tell you one thing," he went on. "Our new tanks are about 50 per cent. better than those we left in France. They contain all sorts of improvements suggested by our experiences out there. So, if Jerry comes over, we'll be waiting for him. . . ."

As we climbed over the tanks and squeezed our way into them, I felt for the first time that there is a queer new romance about mechanised war, and, oddly enough, it links up with the old romance of the armoured knight.

The young men who venture into peril in a modern tank have more in common with the knight in plate armour who thundered across the battlefields of the Middle Ages than they have with the infantry of even the last war.

Modern Knights

What was an armoured knight but the answer of defence to attack; first the knight in chain mail protecting himself against the shaft of the long-bow, then the more heavily armoured knight protecting himself against the musket ball. And what is the tank but an answer to the machine gun?

It was the machine gun that abolished the cavalry charge, just as it created the tank, an armoured monster designed at first only to cross trenches and batter down barbed wire entanglements in the face of machine gun fire.

If the tank had stayed in the stage of development it had reached, say, at Cambrai during the moment of its first great triumph, it might still have remained just that: a great battering ram.

But it did not stay there. It added speed to armour, and no sooner had it done so than the lancers, the dragoons, and the hussars were fated to make their last charge—a gallop out of modern warfare.

I think mechanised cavalry are perhaps the most interesting section of the Royal Armoured Corps, because they are converted conservatives; diehards who have been obliged to accept the inevitable tendencies of a new age.

A mounted cavalry soldier, even in a desert, has now become as archaic as a cab-driver, or as one of those Victorians which might be seen before the War in Hyde Park: picturesque, romantic, good to look upon, bringing into this dull age a little colour from another world, but, after all, definitely out of date.

I wondered what the younger generation of cavalrymen really think about mechanisation. Do they mourn their lost chargers, or are they content to charge on wheels and tracks?

"Have you any men who were in the regiment before mechanisation?" I asked.

They passed the word along for Sergeant Brown.

"Do you prefer machines to horses?" I asked him.

Regrets?—No!

Rather to my astonishment, for it was not the reply I had expected, Sergeant Brown spoke as follows:

"Every time," he said. "I look at it like this. In the old days it was always stables, feeding, watering, burnishing bits and bridles and cleaning saddles. A trooper's life was one long fatigue.

"But now we're mechanised, we don't have to take the tanks out to water or feed them, or shine them up with a burnisher. That's one thing; and it's a big thing, because it means that a cavalryman in modern war has got to be something more than a groom.

"Then there's another thing. Take cavalry in the last war. Was it messed about? Was it chucked into the line dismounted, neither one thing nor the other? It was, simply because you couldn't use cavalry.

'Give Me Tanks'

"Also, let me say this: No one who's fond of horses will shed a tear because they don't go into action. A cavalry charge in the old days wasn't what pictures crack it up to be. Not by a long way.

The sound of horses screaming, and the sight of them lying about blown to pieces wasn't anything to boast about; and one of the sights that I didn't take over there last Summer was French and Belgian cavalry with their horses hardly able to move and the saddles sticking to their backs. No? Give me tanks."

I was told that probably the majority of the younger men in the mechanised cavalry think like that. Many of them became sick of a cavalryman's life in the years before mechanisation, when the cavalry was starved while the War Office made up its mind what to do with it.

The result was that regiments fell below strength, and every man found himself responsible for three and four horses. To such men the arrival of tanks came as a welcome relief from the bondage of perpetual stables.

Same Spirit

But the cavalry is not dead, because the "cavalry spirit" lives on in the mechanised regiment. The function of cavalry tanks is the same as that of mounted cavalry. They require all the speed and dash which made them famous in the old days.

"You'd be surprised to know how little we have really changed," said one of the officers. "This kind of war is really a cavalry war, a war of movement and surprise."

So the spirit that has always animated the British cavalry directs the tanks. The cavalry has been remounted on iron horses.

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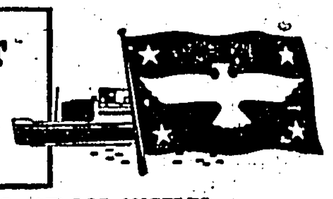
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BRITAIN'S BUDGET

Sir Kingsley Wood's 1941-42 war budget, so grimly realistic, yet revealing once again the astonishing elasticity of Britain's finances, is sufficient to turn Hitler green with envy, should that smug, self-complacent man bother to study the figures. The essential features are that Britain is not only going to the fullest lengths possible to pay for the war as it progresses, but is also providing for the important post-war period when a nation's resources are usually at its lowest ebb. Under the 1941-42 budget, Britain is to start building a sinking fund which is to guarantee her economic and social security when the days of peace are here again.

For his previous war budgets, Sir Kingsley Wood was accused of lacking boldness and vision. This accusation can no longer be made. It is doubtful if anything more sweeping or comprehensive in the way of obtaining required additional revenue could have been suggested than his increased income tax which operates from one end of the scale to the other. It means that the nation, to a man, is to make his contribution towards ultimate victory.

The knowledge of the new sacrifices to be made by the people of England must surely stimulate Hongkong to accept, with greater readiness and humility, the comparatively slight calls upon our purse-strings. And it should set an example to those who have been guilty of evading, or attempting to evade, their duty in respect of contributing to the Empire's war effort. In comparison we are very lightly taxed; by the same comparison our giving has not been made with that willingness and cheerfulness which so characterises the people at Home and elsewhere. Those millions of people, who are in the front line of the battle, not only for Britain, but for Democracy, have set a new standard of "giving till it hurts". Let Hongkong do likewise.

The Makings of Democracy in China

By Paul M. A. LINEBARGER

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THE supreme paradox, perhaps, of the present Far Eastern scene lies in the fact that a nation theoretically parliamentary and democratic is the aggressor against a nation theoretically one-party and dictatorial. But in Japan the 1899 Constitution fades away like a dissolving dream; even as it fades, however, it casts a glow of freedom upon an empire which hastens toward ambiguous totalitarianism and unambiguous ruin. In China, contrastingly, vast armies and tight-closed doctrinal parties provide by common consent a forcing-ground for a new working democracy in continental Asia.

It might seem at first glance that it would be easier to concentrate on saving constitutional democracy in Japan than in creating it, brand-new, in China; no doubt some such hypothesis—expressed or unexpressed—lies at the root of the United States' nine years' appeasement of Japan. Such a policy is not of itself a bad policy, especially if the rest of the world happens to be prosperous, good-humoured and sane, but it is a very short-sighted policy in that it emphasises formulas instead of social realities.

No one acquainted with both Chinese and Japanese peoples in their native lands would question the fact that the Chinese are incomparably the more democratic of the two. To attribute democracy to Japan would be to insult Japan, for the virtues of the Japanese are virtues only to the extent that they are anti-democratic in effect. The undemocratic and racialist implications of nationalism, which have been exploited in Europe by Adolf Hitler, form an integral part of the Japanese mentality. Japan is, essentially, Japan-worshipping with the Empire conceived of as a great superior family of divine origin. Within this family and its code of values lies all the intense, almost heart-breaking beauty that is Japan—its' precise delicacy, its rigorous admiration of chivalry, its magnificent discipline, its spirit of self-sacrifice, its spiritual drive toward co-operation and unity.

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All these things, however, deny the democratic assumption that the individual man is somehow more important than the shadow of the masses of his fellows. Assertion of individualism in Japan is, when fostered operatively rather than logically, a negation of human life itself. Characteristically, Confucianism, which in some aspects is conservative and hierarchical, Buddhism, which proclaims the "ecstatic annihilation of the soul," and Shintoism, which is a worship of the sights, sounds, and smells of Japan, are eminent in Japan's faith. Taoism, which is libertarian, anarchical, cynical, amusing and wickedly frolicsome, has made very little headway in Japan, despite its enormous influence in China.

It would, perhaps, be a splendid thing for mankind to save the Japanese as a museum piece for some later, democratic world wherein their strange, intense virtues could be exhibited as a part of the perverse beauty of the past. But a feudal relic equipped with the world's third largest fleet is too far outside the category of a cultural treasure to make it safe for preservation. To leave Japan alone is rather like keeping tigers in the city streets instead of the zoo.

In contrast with this, Americans who go to China, after their first shock at meeting a more backward technology than any seen in the Western world and after getting used to the alien manners of the Chinese, find themselves in a strangely familiar environment.

First of all, the Chinese attitude to the fundamental issue of faith is similar to that of Americans. The United States has many churches but little fanaticism, and its people are too engrossed in eating, drinking, making money and enjoying the good things of life—both vulgar and esoteric—to feel an inward horror of themselves and a sharp, driving urge to sacrifice themselves on the altar of an all-embracing God or an all-embracing Cause. The Chinese similarly are peculiarly devoted to enjoying life as it is and reluctant to forswear living for dreaming. (The most deliciously prepared squab which the writer ever tasted was served to him after a preliminary air-raid warning in Chungking. His fellow guests did not let patriotism spoil their zest for cookery.) The Chinese, like the Americans, are fond of religion, but not fond enough to murder their neighbours about it. The Japanese by contrast identify their Emperor with God and then themselves with their Emperor.

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Again, in the matter of attitude toward government, the Chinese are always complaining about their political institutions and yet adhering to them tenaciously in practice, just as an American business man might say—in the same breath—that "all politicians are crooks' and that he would "die for the Constitution." The Chinese are free in throwing out their leaders, perhaps too free, and are able to forget a political orgy once they have had their fun out of it. In the middle 1920's the Chinese anti-imperialist campaign blazed forth in wild fanaticism. Five years later it was ashes, not embers. This might be compared with the rise of by-product politics during President Roosevelt's first term when Coughlin, Townsend, Huey Long, Lemke and others were looked on by many as beaters of the tomtoms of incipient Fascism. In Japan, on the other hand, fanaticism becomes canalised, organised and systematised in cliques, secret societies and government sponsored institutions. The Japanese dispose of recalcitrant leaders through assassination.

With respect to the army, the Chinese armies have been bad in great part because they were not sufficiently respected and admired by society at large. They had too little prestige instead of too much. In Japan the army is able to defy the rest of the state and from a historical point of view, warlordism is a term more nearly applicable to the Japanese continental forces than to the Chinese.

Last of all, and perhaps most importantly, the Chinese are socially democratic. Hereditary family distinctions mean no more in China than they do in America. China is a sort of vast Iowa, not even a Massachusetts.

With these foundations the undemocratic politics of China may be transcended in a democratically oriented society; the constitutional politics of Japan are a facade upon the world's most beautiful and most anachronistic absolutist hierarchy. Out of the mobile and highly secular society of China there may emerge a democracy, whatever its forms, which will prove its genuineness by vigorous practicality in material success. On the other hand the Japanese in the twentieth century find themselves the prisoners of a prehistoric mentality. Perhaps Japan's freedom lies beyond catastrophe and social revolution.—From the "Christian Science Monitor".

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Chapter III

THE everchanging mania of Madame la Duchesse was again in the tearful stage. "Don't leave me, Theo!" she sobbed, "I *must* talk to you! If I promise never again to torment you with my anger and unreasoning mistrust of that—*that woman*—won't you try to love me as you once did! Please, please, Theo! I beg of you!"

The Duke, already late for an appointment at the House of Peers, and exasperated beyond measure by his wife's vagaries, left the room without replying. It maddened her. "Oh, how I hate him," she shrieked, "how I loathe him!" A black-robed figure glided from the shadows a thin hand caressed her hair. "Have patience, child," the Abbe Gallard murmured, "and you will be rewarded!"

The fragile Raynald had developed a heavy cold but in spite of the objections of Mlle. Henriette, the Duchess took him for a drive in the chill spring air. Such a desperate illness ensued that the doctor ordered windows closed and room darkened and the Duchess summoned the Abbe Gallard to administer the last rites of the Church.

The garden was in bloom and Mlle. Henriette took it upon herself to open the windows and let the child see the sunlit world. The Duchess stormed, but Raynald, as if by a miracle, got well.

During the sickness of Raynald his sisters had been sent to Corsica to the home of their grandfather, the Marechal Sebastiani, and now the boy was to be sent there. Madame la Duchesse, in another mood, sent a letter to the governess, enclosing a brooch, *"May this small token,"* the missive read, *"ask your indulgence toward one who has been too cruelly hurt to inflict like pain on another."*

Mlle. Henriette hastened to the great lady to thank her.

"You know, I presume," the Duchess began icily," that the Duke and I are going to Corsica this afternoon!" She said the words, 'the Duke and I,' gloatingly, then added apologetically, "Of course, Mademoiselle, any mother has a right to come first in her own house, with her own children, and surely with her husband!"

"Truly, Madame, no other thought has ever been in my mind, and I assure you I will be more careful in the future!"

"The future," sighed the Duchess, "ah, yes . . . who knows!"

The Duke did go to Corsica with his wife and son. In a few days, however, he came back to Paris with the boy, and with Louise, who ostensibly had a toothache. Louise had often begged her father to take her to the theatre, and since Mlle. Henriette, finally confessed that she herself had never seen the great Rachel act—the Duke insisted that she go with himself and Louise.

When King Louis Philippe bowed to them—from his box, Louise was in a state of wild elation. The King, Rachel, the theatre, the crows, the orchids, Father, Mlle Henriette. It was almost too much to be true!

Mlle Henriette, who had gone against her better judgment, was horrified to read in the morning paper:

"The fact that the Duc and Duchess de Pr . . . have not appeared in public for some time has given rise to rumours of dissension between them . . . The Duchess is understood to be in the South for her health . . . The Duc's box was not without its feminine adornment, however, for, beside his daughter, he was accompanied by a very attractive Mademoiselle D . . . who is said to be a governess. The King, who was present, was seen to smile and bow at them. Was this, we ask, a sign of royal approval?"

(To be continued to-morrow)



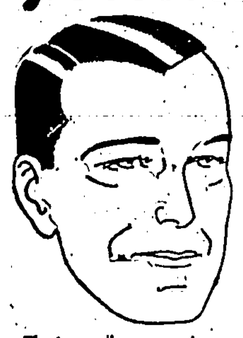
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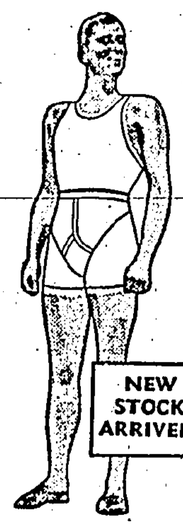
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Japanese Suicide In Bombay

BOMBAY, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—A verdict of suicide was recorded at the inquest into the death of Hiroji Uemura, manager of the Bombay branch of the N.Y.K., who was found dead at his residence.

It was revealed at the inquest that the body was discovered hanging in the bath-room in the flat occupied by Uemura.

The doctor also deposed that it was a distinct case of hanging.

Evidnce with regard to the reasons for suicide were not submitted and the Coroner, addressing the jury, said that the law did not require them to find out anything more than this.

The Coroner added: "We have nothing to do with the question of why he committed suicide."

The jury unanimously returned a verdict of suicide by hanging.

Offices Searched

Enquiries revealed that two Parsi employees of the N.Y.K. were arrested under the Defence of India Rules a few days ago on a charge of collection of shipping information useful to the enemy, following which the Police searched the N.Y.K. office on Saturday.

The late Mr Uemura about ten years ago served as Sub-Manager of the N.Y.K. in Hongkong, remaining here for about three years.

Rupture With Hungary

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The German view of the rupture of Anglo-Hungarian diplomatic relations is given by a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman quoted by the German radio.

He described it as "flight before events which were bound to happen one day."

Replying to a question, the spokesman declared that Turkey was not part of the Balkans and that as far as Berlin was aware, nothing had changed in German-Turkish relations since the exchange of messages between Hitler and the Turkish President.

Teleki's Policy

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Hungarian Government will pursue without change the policy of the late Count Teleki, declared the new Prime Minister, Count de Bardossy, addressing members of the Government Party.

This message was received by telegram from Budapest to the official French agency.

The Minister of the Interior has announced that foreigners now in Hungary can leave the country only by obtaining a special permit.

Roosevelt's Message To King Peter

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has cabled King Peter of Yugo-Slavia assuring him of all possible material aid for Yugo-Slavia.

The President's message says that the people of the United States were profoundly shocked by the unprovoked and ruthless aggression on the people of Yugo-Slavia. He expresses admiration for the "courageous self-defence of the Yugo-Slav people, constituting one more shining example of their traditional bravery," and adds: "As I have assured Your Majesty's Government, the United States will speedily furnish all the material assistance possible in accordance with its existing statutes.

"I send Your Majesty my most earnest hopes for a successful resistance to this criminal assault upon the independence and integrity of your country."

British Invade Bulgaria

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tration near Strumica. Direct hits were registered in the centre of it.

Our fighters intercepted an enemy bomber, severely damaging it.

From all operations, all our machines returned safely.

No Mobilisation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Apr. 8 (UP).—A high official spokesman to-day denied foreign reports that a general mobilization had been ordered. He was of the opinion that the information was confused with the calling up of the Red Cross personnel.

Recalled

LONDON, Apr. 8 (UP).—The Dutch and Belgian Governments which are exiled here have recalled their diplomatic representatives from Budapest.

U-BOAT CREWS CAPTURED

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ing German U-boat captains, who is now a prisoner of war, is the man who sunk the two British auxiliary cruisers, Laurentic and Patroclus, according to the German High Command.

The High Command in December claimed that Commander Kretschmer was the first Commander to sink more than 250,000 tons of shipping. His latest sinkings included the destroyer, H.M.S. Daring.

NAVAL LIAISON U.S. & R.N.

Same Equipment

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Under-Secretary of the Navy, Mr James Forrestal, is leaving for Britain in about a fortnight "to establish close liaison" between the Navy Department and the British Admiralty on matters connected with the Lease and Lend programme.

In making this announcement, the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, said that the Navy Department was handling purchases of material in the United States for the British Navy under the Lease and Lend Act and was also undertaking repairs to British warships.

Expedite Repairs

"Efforts are being made very rapidly to establish suitable uniformity in naval equipment," added Colonel Knox, who explained that the object was to expedite purchases and repairs.

One of the chief purposes of Mr Forrestal's trip to Britain, according to naval circles, would be to see if some method could be found whereby the British could use more American naval weapons and other equipment not standard in the Royal Navy.

Nazi Plane Down

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—One enemy fighter was shot down in the Channel during the day.

A few bombs were dropped on the East Anglian coast at mid-day, causing little damage and no casualties, states the Air Ministry.

Quiet Evening

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—There was no alert in London up to a late hour to-night.

March Death Roll

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Air raid casualties in Britain during March were 4,259 civilians killed and 5,557 injured and detained in hospital, announces the Minister of Home Security.

Palestinian Economics

JERUSALEM, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—A 25 per cent. increase in rates has been decided on by the Jerusalem Municipal Council.

The increase is due to the general desire in Palestine to ease the burden on British tax-payers who contribute grants towards the expenses of the Palestine municipalities.

Drastic provisions of the British Budget have greatly impressed all quarters in Palestine and the high rate was announced subsequent to the publication of the Budget figures.

CROAT UNITY WITH COUNTRY

Dr Matchek's Appeal

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—A call to Croats for unity and discipline was uttered over the Zagreb wireless to-night by Dr Vladimir Matchek, the Croat leader and Vice-Premier in General Simovitch's Cabinet.

The catastrophe of war, he says, can be lessened if the people are united and disciplined.

Assuring the Croats that he was going to remain among them and share with them every sorrow and trial, he urges them to "have faith in God and the unity of the Peasant Party."

Decorations For Brave Officers

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Six officers of the aircraft carrier Illustrious have been decorated for "gallant services against enemy aircraft" according to to-night's "London Gazette."

The Illustrious was hit seven times when attacked by dive bombers in the Mediterranean during January but she succeeded in reaching her base.

One officer receives the D.S.O. and one receives the bar to this decoration. The other four officers receive the D.S.C.

PRISONER KING HAS BIRTHDAY

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—King Leopold of the Belgians, whose birthday occurs to-day, is described as "Our Prisoner King" in the Order of the Day issued to his troops by General van Strijdock de Burkel, Commander of the Belgian forces in Great Britain.

He urges his men to "work, train ourselves and prepare for victory. We shall free Belgium, who will rise again, great, united and prosperous."

Mexican Sympathy

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs has sent a message of sympathy with Greece and Yugo-Slavia to the Mexican Consul-General in London to-day.

The message says that Mexico has no diplomatic relations with Greece and Yugo-Slavia, but an official link is not required by two peoples for one to feel moved when the other is dragged into a conflict for the development of which it has no blame.



HARDLY FOR SPEED—Rather for service is this mode of travel in Tobruk, Libya, Italian stronghold recently captured by British. This British soldier, unshaven and somewhat unkempt, rides into Tobruk in style.

New Scoring System For Bowls League

A NEW METHOD of league lawn bowls scoring on similar lines to the system in Shanghai was adopted at the annual meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association yesterday. Sir Atholl MacGregor Vice-President, presided and was supported by Mr R. P. Phillips, Hon. Secretary, and Mr L. A. Gutierrez, Hon. Treasurer.

Sir Atholl voiced the opinion that in spite of the difficult times and the calls for Volunteer and Police work, the bowls programme for the season would be carried out. It was decided that the championships be again held.

The date fixed for the playing of the first league matches was May 3. Closing of entries will be on April 16.

Sir Atholl referred to the return of the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, and spoke of the encouragement he had always given to the game.

"Sir Geoffry is as keen as ever and I can promise you that if there is anything he can do for the good of the game here he will be only too happy to do it," declared Sir Atholl amid applause.

NEW OFFICERS

The election of officers resulted:—President, Sir Atholl MacGregor; Vice-President, Mr J. A. Fraser; Hon. Secretary, Mr R. P. Phillips; Hon. Treasurer, Mr L. A. Gutierrez.

SCORING SYSTEM

Mr Phillips read the following letter from the bowls representative of Club de Recreio:

"I am directed by my Committee to place before the annual meeting for their consideration, the following proposals:

1.—That the present method of scoring league points be abandoned and in its stead a total of five points be at stake in every match as follows.—Two points for a win on aggregate number of shots; one point for each winning rink.

2.—That the composition of the first and second divisions be limited to eight teams each and third division, if too unwieldy, be split into two sections or alternatively, have a fourth division.

"This latter proposition, besides making reasonably sure that all important fixtures are completed by the end of August, will provide ample time for the open and club championships to be played before the interest in bowls begins to decline."

In reply to Mr M. N. Rakusen, Sir Atholl said the part of the proposition concerning scoring meant that each rink that tied received half a point each. This had been the system in Shanghai for many years.

The proposition relating to the scoring was carried, but the suggestion concerning the composition of the league was not seconded.

The proposal of Mr J. G. Meyer, seconded by Mr W. Gill, that unfinished games in which not more than 36 heads had been played should be entirely replayed on the first mutually convenient Sunday or public holiday, was carried.

MARRIED AT SIXTEEN

Never Lived With Husband

A WOMAN who was married in 1917, when she was sixteen, and never lived with her husband, was granted a decree nisi recently.

She is Mrs Clara B. Flynn, of Manners-road, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, who married Albert E. Flynn, a seaman.

She said that after the ceremony her husband told her he had two children—of whom she knew nothing.

She became frightened and returned home.

She had no knowledge her husband was alive until last year, and she now charged him with misconduct.

Soviet Pact With Yugo-Slavia

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 8 Reuter).—The Russo-Yugo-Slav Pact has made a great impression in Berlin.

Political circles there are excitedly speculating on the reason for the Russian action which "is hardly likely to give Berlin the impression that Russia is particularly friendly," states the Berlin correspondent of the "Stockholm Tidningen."

Matsuoka To Stay Over In Moscow

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, who is scheduled to leave Moscow on Thursday for Tokyo, is now to stay in the Soviet capital until Easter Sunday, according to an official German news Agency dispatch from Moscow.

SEIZURE OF AXIS SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Germany has sent a new note to the United States reinforcing her protests against the seizure of German merchantmen, according to an announcement by Mr Cordell Hull

Rumanian Oil

ISTANBUL, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Rumanian oil companies have stopped deliveries of lubricating oil to Turkey, reports the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

The action is said to have been taken because the entire production is absorbed by home needs.

Raid On Norway

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Ten people were arrested at Svolvaer after the Lofoten Islands raid and are said to be among the first prisoners sent to a German concentration camp at Oslo, according to the Norwegian telegraphic agency.



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Around The Courses

U.S. Professionals In The Balance

Runyan's Ranking Of Sam Snead Results In Minor Outburst

Kowloon-Happy Valley Match

(By "Birdie")

IF WRITING could show a hoarse voice, these words would be blurred and unreadable, and it is all the result of the foul golfing weather we had on Sunday. On Saturday, in shorts and a sports singlet one perspired; on Sunday, with two sweaters and a muffler the biting wind still got through and for the first few holes gave one the shivers.

And then it rained in the afternoon.

The annual match between teams selected by the President and Captain of the Country Club Sheungshui, was called off when the rain came down, and as someone had to pay for the dinner after the match, the scores were reckoned at the time of abandonment and the President's side were hosts.

On the singles matches in the morning, however, the Captain's team had gained a slight lead of 1½ points.

This is, I think, the third year in succession that this match has been abandoned through rain. To some it proves a long and disastrous interval before dinner.

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PERIODICALLY, the American professionals voice their opinions as to who is the best golfer in their ranks, and recently Paul Runyan started something when he lauded Sam Snead the best golfer who has ever lived.

Two days later the storm broke in the locker room following the New Orleans Open Tournament, and Jimmy Demaret spoke for them all. Who, demanded the Texan, was Paul Runyan to say that Snead was the greatest golfer that ever lived? "Runyan beat Snead 8 and 7 in the 1938 P.G.A. final. I beat him 4 and 3 in the San Francisco match play. What does that make me?"

Runyan had said that though Snead would probably never equal Bobby Jones' record because competition to-day was keener, yet Snead stood alone for the ease with which he swung, and for the less work taken to complete that swing; and for his competitive disposition in that he could relax and forget bad shots.

Demaret jumped into this breach by pointing out that Bobby Jones and Walter Hagan were the world's best. Jones had won three British Opens, four U.S. opens, a British amateur and five U.S. amateurs. Hagan claims five P.G.A. championships, four British opens, two U.S. opens and 100 sectional tournaments.

To Snead, Runyan conceded no weakness, though he admitted that Byron Nelson was the better shotmaker. His order with the clubs was:

Driver.—Snead, Nelson, Ben Hogan and Harry Cooper.

Brassie.—Snead, Lawson Little, Horton Smith, Craig Wood and Jimmy Thomson.

Spoon.—Cooper and Horton Smith.

Long Irons.—Nelson and Lloyd Mangrum.

Nos. 4 and 5.—Nelson, Ralph Guldahl and Snead.

Nos. 6, 7 and 8.—Guldahl, Johnny Revolta and himself.

Putter.—Horton Smith in a class by himself.

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AS a reminder to the players in the Kowloon-Happy Valley match at Kowloon on Good Friday, the following are the starting times;

A.M.		P.M.
8.50	R. K. Collings, D. S. Edward	2.00
8.54	A. J. Dennis, K. S. Robertson	,,
8.58	K. S. Mackenzie, A. McKellar	2.05
9.02	T. B. Low, T. Low	,,
9.06	H. S. Phillips, A. C. I. Bowker	2.10
9.10	A. L. Eastman, W. Sharp	,,
9.14	W. C. Simpson, H. H. Mundy	2.15
9.18	W. V. Ahern, A. D. Humphreys	,,
9.22	T. Lamb, L. M. S. Lloyd	2.20
9.26	F. C. Barry, A. L. Penn	,,
9.30	A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Willerton	2.25
9.34	A. A. Lopes, N. J. Bebbington	,,
9.38	E. F. Fincher, C. E. F. Simpson	2.30
9.42	S. Jex, N. J. Booker	,,
9.46	J. McKelvie, G. Davies	2.35
9.50	W. Kershaw, W. Stoker	,,
	Reserves	
9.54	E. C. Fincher, N. D. Booker	2.40
9.58	J. Coles, M. A. Cairns	,,

Fourballs in the afternoon will be played according to the times on the right.

To-day's Tennis

YESTERDAY'S doubles match, W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher v. Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui, was postponed owing to the sodden state of the ground. This match will be played to-morrow and the winners will meet the Tsui brothers in the semi-finals.

To-day's matches in the Open Tournament are:

Singles

G. Choa v. Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court).

Pang Oi-lam v. H. D. Rumjahn.

Hockey

International Tournament Abandoned

At a meeting of the Hockey Association yesterday at the European Y.M.C.A. it was decided not to hold the International Tournament this year as Volunteer and other duties made it very difficult to organise matches.

The Six-a-Side Tournament will be held, however. Entries will close on April 10. Entries, accompanied by a fee of $2 per team, should be sent to Mr D. T. Smith, Hon. Secretary, at the Harbour Office.

Sigmn Halstead, Royal Corps of Signals, who was reported for allegedly insulting a referee during the interval of a League match, was censured.

Chinese Selections For International Softball Series

The Chinese selection committee of P. K. Lau, Bill Woo and Kenny Wong have selected the following to represent China in the International Series:—

Girls	Position	Men
Dot Louie	Catcher	Nip Lum
Mary Ng	Pitcher	Herbie Quon
Rene Yuen	1st base	Ross Mark
Rosie Louie	2nd base	Luke Burin
Gloria Mar	3rd base	Wally Ching
Lily Mar	shortstop	Hill Chang
Mary Mar	left field	Henry Ali
Virginia Chiu	centre field	P. F. Choy
Ulian Khoo	right field	Dick Chung
Doris Mar	Alternate	G. G. Lee
Alice Tsang	,,	Hai Winglee
Alice Mar	,,	Loong
Margaret Young	,,	Howard Lee
Ella Chinn		

Grandpa Leung will manage both teams.

Charity Basketball

Two basketball games in aid of the Y.M.C.A. Relief Committee were staged yesterday at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Hongkong A.R.P. girls were defeated by the visiting Macao All Stars 26-39.

In the boys' game Hongkong Pui Ying School smashed the Macao All Stars 60-38.

Craigengower XI

The following will represent Craigengower Cricket Club in a Second Division League Cricket match against Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday at Cox's Road:

A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

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MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 9.45 a.m. on both days.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 7th April, 1941.

Badminton Thrills At Kowloon C.C.

Championship Quarter-Finals

(By "Tinker")

EARLIER EXPECTATIONS that this year would see some of the finest badminton ever in the Colony Championships were partly realised in the Quarter-final matches at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night. I say "partly" because there is promise of more to come.

A glance at the scores below with the realisation that their closeness was coupled throughout with a remarkably high standard of play can only give a part picture of the thrills that attended the matches. In the Wong-Au v. Eardley-Smith match, the score was 14-all in the final game while service changed hands three times!

Scores in brief were:

JUNIOR SINGLES

T. S. Young beat N. L. Smith 15-8, 11-15, 15-12.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier beat P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu 11-15, 15-7, 18-17.

SENIOR DOUBLES

K. W. Choy and K. B. Low beat M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho 15-8, 15-5.

P. Wong and C. Au beat H. C. Eardley and N. L. Smith 15-18, 15-10, 18-17.

T. S. YOUNG provided the surprise of the evening when he beat Smith in the Junior Singles. Smith, favourite for the title, was not up to standard, though it must be said that Young gave an inspired display, and in every respect was deserving of his win.

He matched Smith shot for shot and came out on top. For only a brief period in the third game did Smith's smash work well, and this was offset by the excellent placing of Young's returns.

Thrilling Doubles

THRILLS abounded in the Wong-Au v. Eardley-Smith match. Eardley played one of the finest games he has ever done to date in Hongkong and smashed with a brilliance that outshone anything that came over from the other side. But in between these shots, especially when moments were tense, he committed errors that would have had disastrous effect on a more temperamental player than Smith.

The latter was well in the picture during the closing stages of the second and throughout the final games. It was his second match of the evening, but it did not impair his agility, though if anything his earlier game had had the effect of putting him in his stride.

The shuttle flew back and forth with dizzying speed, and rallies despite this were often prolonged with shots that kept spectators on a continual verge of outburst.

Wong was not quite up to his usual form, and on several occasions hit into the net or outside the lines. But at crucial moments he and his partner rose to the occasion.

The End

THE FINAL GAME brought forth the greatness of all four players. Amid continuous applause the score levelled off at 13-all. It was setted at five, and then Wong and Au proceeded to run off four points before service changed hands.

This was the first of the great moments for the eventual losers. They took two points and then lost service again. But once more they secured service and scored another two points to make it 4-all!

Then three times service changed hands without a point being scored! And finally Wong and Au won when Eardley misjudged a shortish one at the net and completely missed the shuttle!!

Earlier Excitement

EARLIER excitement was in the Junior Doubles match in which Pereira and Xavier beat Leung and Chiu in three games.

Pereira was the man of this match, and was all over the court giving assistance to his partner who was sadly out of the picture. On the other side of the net, Chiu and Leung were extremely active, but lost quite a number of points through overexcitedness. Leung scored on several occasions with excellently placed drop shots.

Out-Played

M. A. OLIVEIRA and L. A. Carvalho were outplayed by the brilliance of K. W. Choy and K. B. Low. Choy was the controlling power of the winning combination, though he, too, on one occasion completely missed the shuttle His powerful smash was skilfully concealed and mixed up in a series of drop shots, and the deceptiveness with which he turns one into the other at the last moment had the Recreio pair often on the wrong foot.

Oliveira and Carvalho did as well as could be expected against a combination of this type, for K. B. Low was extremely agile and useful at the net.

Bad Decisions

There seemed to be a remarkable number of bad line decisions by the linesmen in these games last night. They occurred, too, frequently at vital moments.

One was in the Young-Smith game when Young was leading 3-0 in the second game. Service changed hands on a decision that was doubtful, to say the least, and instead of the score then being 4-0 in Young's favour, Smith took service and ran off five points before Young was able to recover.

The second was at the end of the second game in the Wong-Au v. Eardley-Smith match. Wong was leading 14-10 when the shuttle dropped over the line to give him game. He and his partner commenced to walk off the court, but the linesman gave the shuttle as in. Service changed hands, and there might have been a different story to tell, but Wong took the service back with two excellent smashes.

Another was in this same match in the third game. A line ball was given right—against Wong—and though it was early in the game, it apparently had the effect of throwing Wong out somewhat for he was then guilty of several bad smashes into the net.

"B" Division Play-off To-day

The champions of the "B" Division of the Badminton League will be decided to-night at the Club de Recreio at 8 p.m. when Chung Wah, winners of the "A" Section, meet St John's, winners of the "B" Section, in the final play-off.

New Softball Champions For 1940/41 Season

Recreio Aces Humbled By Powerful Saints

Gonsales' Great Pitching

(By "Ball Fan")

HERALDING the sensational rise of new Colony softball champions, the local ball season officially ended over the weekend in cold dismal weather. A fair crowd of rabid ball fans shivered through a perfect exhibition of errorless ball dished up by St Joseph's burly ballhawks in taking the senior loop pennant with a 3-0 victory over the rough riding Recs.

Abe Liu's Chinese Baseball Clubbers closed out their season in grand style with a well-timed win over a battling Filipino nine, 9-6, while the Lacas luminaries took a 9-6 win from Abbie Ablong's fighting Shell Oilers in an Inter-Hong confab.

ST JOSEPH'S slugging ballhawks, in coming through with a 3-0 win over the rough riding Recs, dished up a brand of ball which indicated to the utmost that they are in with the "class of champions".

Taking their first senior loop pennant since the inauguration of local softball, the power-clouting Saints played errorless ball behind the confident hurling lefty Frankie Gonsales.

The youthful Saint slab artist, jinxed for two years by Recreio's well-known Indian sign, had his control ball working to perfection, limiting the dangerous rough riding sluggers to two small bingles in a masterful 9hutout performance.

The champion's inside defence, called by many to be the "infield of infields", fairly sparkled with dazzling efficiency as they accepted twenty-five chances without a break in this all-important championship encounter.

Paced by the terrific clouting of Jindo Hussain, whose two doubles and a single highlighted a brilliant display dished up by the peppery outfielder, the champion Saints took the precious lead in the 2nd frame with a single tally, adding another run in the 3rd inning as George Sousa barged across the plate on Arturo Ozorio's classy single to right.

The winners tapered off with a final run in the 5th stanza as Sousa crashed home once more to start the rabid Saint fans roaring in championship frenzy.

The rough riding Recs, weakened by the loss of Eddie and A. V. Gosano, did not appear like the title-holding teams of old, in bowing out to a pennant-inspiring Collegian nine.

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ABE Liu's classy C.B.C. cohorts tallied five runs in a wild 5th inning scoring outburst to clinch the game from prexy Ildefonso's battling Filipino Clubbers 9-6.

For four torrid frames the Island boys had the Chinese Baseballers on the run, taking a 4-2 lead to send the Island hopes soaring, but the inability of the losers to counter the Chinese bunting threat sent Abe Liu's gang fluttering to victory in their final game of the year.

Chinese hurler Den Crary added to his strike-out record with nine cleancut whiffs, but in the cold damp setting found the old control slightly lacking to issue six free passes.

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IN the Inter-Hong opener, Kassa Nazarin's Lacas lads took the Shell Oilers into camp 9-6. The gasselling gang had 5-1 lead in the 4th innings, but the winners cashed in with five tallies in their half of the stanza and added three more in the 6th as Bob Laurel, Baby Abbas and Skelly Razack came sailing home with win-laden runs.

Sunday's Stars

Baby Abbas and Madeen Arculli, Lacas—Former led the winner's run attack, slashing out a terrifying triple and double besides coming home with three tallies; latter also played havoc with the slugging-wand making three clean bingles and driving in two runs.

Jindo Hussain and Frankie Gonsales, St Joseph's—Former's two dynamite doubles and single in a perfect day at bat paced the winner's in their championship game; Frankie shut out the rough riding Recs with two measly bingles to break a long-recorded jinx.

Victor Lim and Willie Wilson, C.B.C.—Victor tore around those bases in rabbit-like fashion to lead the stolen base aspirants with three well-timed efforts; latter led the C.B.C. sluggers with a double and single, and drove in a run.

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"Thief Of Bagdad" Offers Thrills

The magic carpet, a flying horse and an awe-inspiring genie appearing over a cloud of smoke. Those are some of the wonders of the "Thief of Bagdad" United Artists' technicolour film, which has been booked for a short season at the Oriental Theatre, beginning to-day.

This film broke all Box Office records in Singapore and Manila, while in Shanghai it played for 28 days to capacity houses, a short time ago it was shown at the King's Theatre, at roadshow rates. It was not surprising, therefore, that while full-houses were the order of the day then, many thousands of film fans missed the show.

Now the Oriental are offering the marvel of the Arabian Nights at slightly higher than their usual rates. Prices for the matinees will be 30c. for the lower floor and 50c. for dress circle, evening prices are 30c. 50c. 70c. $1.20 which includes the tax.

Thief of Bagdad is one of the most fantastic and mystifying of screen productions. The scene in which the flying horse gradually rises from the ground is reckoned to represent one of the smartest pieces of trick photography ever to have been achieved in Hollywood, while the meeting of little Sabu with the monster genie is, to say the least, thrilling to the extreme.

At the extremely low prices for this sensational show the Oriental will no doubt have capacity houses during the run of the picture.

For the Easter holidays the Immigration Office in Marina House and the Central Branch in Queen's Building will be closed to public business from Friday, April 11, to Monday, April 14, inclusive.

Japanese Uprising Foiled

Tokyo, Apr. 8.

Revealing a vast abortive assassination and arson conspiracy directed against the leaders of Japan's political, financial, scientific and cultural worlds, the judicial authorities to-day lifted the censorship ban on news of the planned civilian uprising scheduled to have been staged at 7 a.m. on July 5, last year.

The ban was lifted as the preliminary examination of 30 defendants had established grounds for formal prosecution on charges of conspiracy to murder, attempted arson, and violation of the law for the control of explosives and firearms.

Leaders of the planned coup, which was prevented by the arrest of would-be participants shortly before they were to have gone into action, included two key defendants in the famous "God-Sent Troops" case who are involved in the new affair.

Divided into five groups, the alleged conspirators are said to have planned to slay unspecified financial, political, educational and other leaders in order to destroy the Shogunate formed by these leaders and restore the Imperial rule.—*Domei.*

Literary Lecture

The last meeting this season of the Hongkong Branch of the English Association was held at the Helena May Institute yesterday, when Dr Norman Mackenzie, of Hongkong University, read a paper on "Travel and Literature." There was a good attendance.

Donations To Bomber Fund

A total of $1,755,007.34 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd, with the following donations:

Treasury "Shrapnel Box" (week ended 5.4.41)	$ 3.27
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Mrs Rouse (eighth gift) one parcel of socks for babies; Mr A. M. Luenberger, one case of Eagle Brand milk; T. W. Wu and Co., 30 boxes of Hopex 1 c.c.; King's Dispensary, 5,000 quinine tablets; Hongkong Women's Relief Association, 50 padded coats.

Monster Raffle

On account of the last-minute demand for tickets in the Monster Raffle, Messrs Linstead & Davis made arrangements yesterday evening to extend the closing time to 5 p.m. to-day, at the following centres only:

Hongkong Jockey Club Office, Exchange Building; Star Ferry, Hongkong; Messrs Gilman & Co., Ltd, Wine Dept, Gloucester Arcade; and *South China Morning Post* Office, Wyndham Street.

SOCIAL ASPECT OF HONGKONG

THAT poverty and its accompaniments were the core of the pressing social problems of this Colony, was the opinion expressed by Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall yesterday when he took the Chair at the annual meeting of the Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls. He paid tribute to the great work of rescue and human salvage that is being done by Major Brazier, Officer in Charge of the Home, and her devoted staff.

Also on the platform were Mrs N. L. Smith, Hon. Mr R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Hon. Mr W. N. Thomas Tam, Brigadier W. and Mrs Darby, Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, Adjutant Doris Lemmon, and Capt and Mrs Westergaard.

Annual Report

Major Dorothy Brazier said:

To those of us who had been working in Hongkong, and had longed to see more of the Salvation Army forces operating in this Colony, the recent transfer of our Headquarters from Canton to Hongkong was welcomed as a move in the right direction. This will be an advantage to all concerned, especially to Brigadier Darby himself, who is now in a much better position than his predecessor to study the social problems of this Colony, and, with that closer contact, to be of greater service to those who are striving to find a solution to those problems.

Fewer Girl Offenders

There are few girl juvenile offenders appearing in the Courts compared with the boys. Gangs of boys who excel in the art of bag-snatching and similar offences are constantly before the Magistrates, and swell the number of admissions to the Boys Remand Home. These unfortunately have their counterpart in the hundreds of young girls who are the gravest danger to the male community of Hongkong. Who are they who would dare to stand in judgment on these sisters of ours without first considering the road that the majority have been forced to tread?

Owing to war conditions in China, unscrupulous women are making a harvest out of the undernourished bodies of young girls, who, on the pretence of finding them work, have enticed these unsuspecting village girls to Hongkong. Sold immediately upon arrival to the equally unscrupulous brothel-keepers, very few girls have been able to withstand the transformation that makes them easily recognised as a "girl on the streets," and still less have they been able to find a way of escape before they have been morally and physically ruined.

Mention should be made of the splendid co-operation of Miss Phyllis Harrop, Lady Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, who has always been ready to help at any hour of the day or night. Many a girl owes her escape from houses of ill-fame to the raids personally carried out by Miss Harrop. We share her disappointment that this important side of her work had to be curtailed until Government is able to proceed with the scheme for accommodating those who would only be too glad to accept a better mode of life.

Added Responsibility

Although at first it did not appear that this Home could accept the added responsibility of this particular type of girl, the very urgency of the need forced us to at least make an attempt to accept as many as our limited isolation accommodation could receive.

That such a work is not doomed to failure has been proved during the last two years from the medical, moral and spiritual standpoint.

In every case segregation has been necessary, but this distasteful "medicine" has been administered in as pleasant a way as possible. Much credit is due to our Helper, Mrs Yan, who has mothered this particular part of our family for the last two years. A sincere Christian herself, her one desire is to help "her girls" to realise the power of God in their lives, that alone can enable them to take a stand for right when they leave the Home.

When the girls leave the Home every effort is made to keep in touch with them by visitation. It gives special cause for encouragement that each of the five girls of that particular group passed out of the Home during 1940, are all doing well. The first one placed out to work has already been in the same job over twelve months.

Our sincere thanks are also due to the Director of Medical Services for granting us the services of Dr Ruttonjee, whose care for the physical well-being of the girls is recorded with appreciation.

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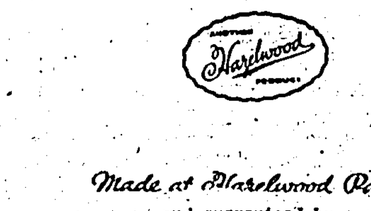
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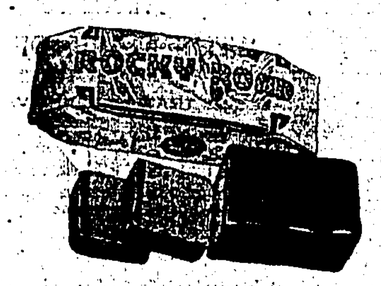
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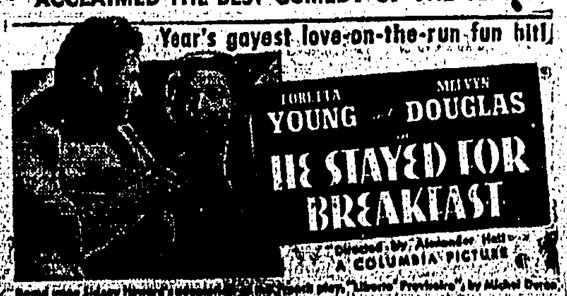


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NAZI STRATEGY IN BALKANS

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cut across it. In Yugo-Slavia, its width is limited by the capacity of the road, which is indeed small.

The Germans appear to have met with some initial success against the Serbs and in the circumstances this was to be expected. Exposed to the whirlwind attack of the Nazi mechanised forces, inadequately equipped with anti-tank weapons and unable to count on effective air support, the Serbians appear to have had a cruel baptism of fire. But they are tough and full of fight with marvellous recuperative powers. It is, therefore, too early to attach undue importance to the German claims.

Aims of Nazi Drives

ANKARA, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The main German drive against Yugo-Slavia is aimed at the vital communication centres of Nish and Skipoe in the hope of cutting the Yugo-Slav army in two, according to usually well-informed sources in Ankara.

Another push is being made from Petrich in the extreme south-western corner of Bulgaria, down the tributary of the Struma River towards Strumica, whence the Germans could thrust across the country towards the valley of the Vardar River.

These sources state that the German forces in Bulgaria consist of four groups. The first has headquarters at Svilengrad, on the Turkish frontier; the second is based on Kustendil near the Yugo-Slav frontier; the third in north-west Bulgaria; and the fourth is being held in reserve near Sofia.

The German air force is attacking Yugo-Slavia with two main air fleets operating from Rumania and Bulgaria.

R.A.F. Disrupt Nazi Panzer Divisions

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which are proving most effective in the battles for the mountain passes.

The German raids have not interfered with the regular passage of material and munitions for the British troops. Along the roads leading to the front, pass long lines of British big guns, munition trucks, food and other supplies while troops from the whole Empire, principally from the homeland, Australia and New Zealand are joining their comrades who have already taken up their positions.

Germans Advance

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—German troops are continuing their advance into Serbia "despite great destruction of the roads and very difficult country," states the German news agency to-night.

"Considerable war materials, including a large number of medium and heavy guns and motorised batteries, have been captured," it claims, adding that large quantities of infantry ammunition fell into the hands of the advancing troops during these operations.

Belgrade Casualties

VICHY, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Several hundred people were killed and about 3,000 were injured in two days and two nights of bombing attacks on Belgrade, according to a dispatch from Belgrade to the Vichy news agency.

The dispatch says that ministerial and industrial quarters, stations and the river port are in flames.

Germans Annihilated

LONDON, Apr. 8 (UP).—The "Exchange Telegraph's" correspondent at Athens reports that the military spokesman, amplifying last night's communique, declares that an important German column was ambushed and completely annihilated while attempting to penetrate Greek territory through a ravine, adding, "it was strewn with their dead."

Alexandropolis Falls

ISTANBUL, Apr. 8 (UP).—Greek diplomatic sources say the Germans have occupied Alexandropolis, cutting off communications between Turkey and Greece.

Fiume Evacuated

ZURICH, Apr. 8 (UP).—The most reliable diplomatic sources state that the Italians have completely evacuated Fiume.

FRENCH SEA TRAFFIC

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of wine, meat, grain, peanut oil, fruit, fish, sugar, rum and cocoa.

He wanted to know what the British Government is doing to prevent such articles reaching the enemy.

Mr Hugh Dalton, Minister for Economic Warfare, was not prepared to accept all Mr le Mander's statement as accurate, but confessed that the state of affairs referred to gave ground for "grave dissatisfaction" and added that Britain in no degree waived her belligerent rights.

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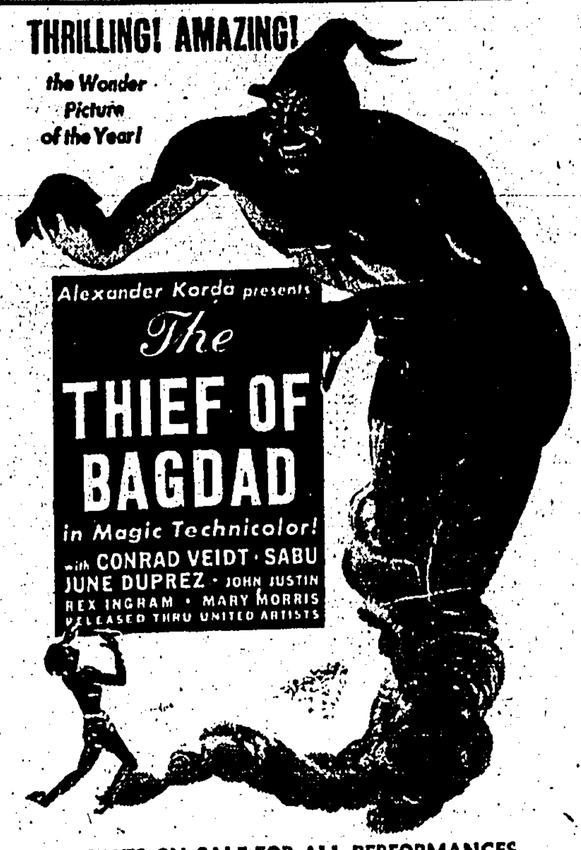
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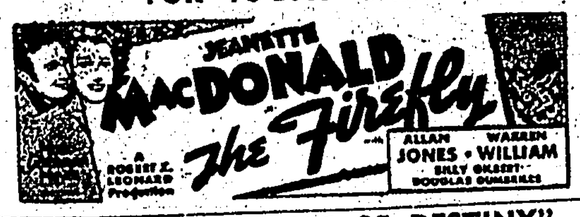
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A £50 'GATE'

Officers and men of Suriname, in the Dutch East Indies, who listened to the broadcast of the recent Holland v. Belgium match at Walthamstow, collected £50 and have asked the Dutch Government in London to present the money to the players and officials.

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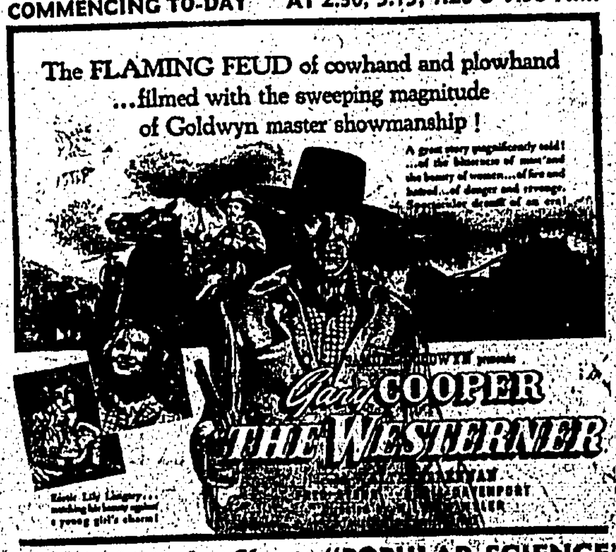
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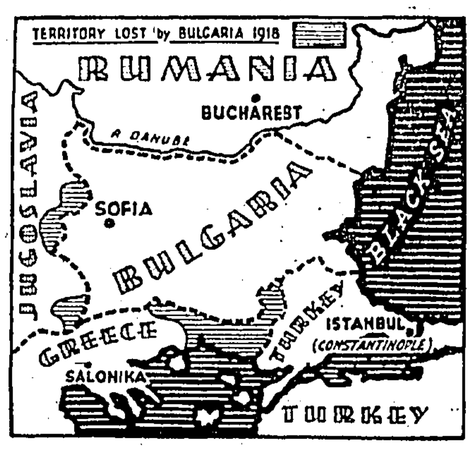
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R.A.F. BOMBS AND MACHINE-GUNS DISRUPT NAZI PANZER DIVISIONS

Tremendous Battles For The Greek Valleys



By RICHARD MCMILLAN
Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, Apr. 8 (UP).—Royal Air Force fighters and bombers are aiding the Greeks to hold the mountain passes as the fury of the German attacks intensifies.

British bombers and machine-gunners have set their sights on the long lines of Panzer divisions which are filing through the valleys, particularly in the upper Struma Valley.

The British air attacks are extremely fierce as heavy reinforcements of the R.A.F. continue to pour into Greece.

ALL-DAY AIR BATTLES

Forts like Rupel and Vista which, as the communiques announce, are holding out against the heaviest assaults, are strong pillboxes dug into the wooded hillsides, and form part of the Metaxas Line which is manned by crack Greek troops whose motto is "Death rather than surrender."

British fighter planes throughout the day fought air battles, checkmating enemy planes dive-bombing the mountain forts, where the tactics of the battle of France are being repeated, the planes being employed as artillery while the tanks attempt to smash through the gaps and clear a way for the infantry.

The announcement of the evacuation of western Thrace was not a surprise, as this was part of the general plan envisaged for the hostilities in order to shorten the line, even though it gave the enemy a foothold on the Aegean Sea.

It is officially announced that the R.A.F. made heavy raids on enemy positions in Bulgaria, hitting vital points along the lines of communication, principally at Sofia, Gornadjumaya, Simtili, Patriarch and Strumica, machine-gunning and bombing enemy troops, convoys and rail stations.

British Army To Meet Nazi Shock Troops

The British army in the Balkans, strongly reinforced by tanks and all other units since the earlier contingents disembarked in Greece, is preparing to meet the Nazi shock troops as the enemy increases his efforts to break through the Macedonian mountains to the Aegean.

Greek advance elements and frontier guards are putting up a valiant fight against the Panzer divisions which suffered heavy losses in tanks.

It is recalled that the Greeks are using many British anti-tank guns

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Greeks Greeted In Albania

A new turn in the Albanian war is possible as a result of the reported invasion of the northern part of the country by Yugo-Slav troops. In the meantime, the Greeks continue to keep the Italians on the run in Albania. This picture shows Greek soldiers being welcomed by an Albanian notable on entering an Albanian village.



NAZI STRATEGY IN BALKANS

Seek To Drive A Wedge

(By "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, Apr. 8.—The statement in the Greek official communique that the Yugo-Slavs had fallen back on the Greek left wing, leaving it "uncovered," suggests that the Germans are pursuing the same strategy in the Balkans as in France where their drive against the "hinge" of the French and Belgian lines forced a wedge between the north and south Allied armies with results which the world knows.

It would seem that the Germans are now attempting to establish themselves between the Greeks and the Yugo-Slavs by a lateral thrust along the Strumitza Valley which, if successful, would give access to the Vardar Valley.

Link With Italians

It might even be pushed to the Albanian borders so as to link up with the Italians.

But conditions in France were very different from those prevailing in Yugo-Slavia to-day. In France not only were there magnificent roads which made travel and transport easy but food and petrol were available at every village and at every cross-road.

In Southern Serbia, the roads are little better than tracks and both petrol and supplies will have to be carried with the advance.

Size of Wedge

Also, in France the wedge formed was so wide and strong that it was proof against the Allied attempts to

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British Invade Bulgaria

Troops Penetrate Border, Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Apr. 8 (UP).—The Greek radio reports that British troops have penetrated Bulgarian soil and that the British Legation staff is leaving within 48 hours, via Russia.

Bombs On Bulgaria

ATHENS, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Heavy raids by formations of R.A.F. bombers on enemy positions in Bulgaria during the night of April 6 are reported in a communique issued by the headquarters of the British forces in Greece.

It says that a railway junction and marshalling yards in Sofia were attacked successfully, direct hits causing many fires and explosions in the railway yards and industrial area. Railway trucks were seen to be hurled into the air.

Lorries in the Struma Valley road were machine-gunned.

Another formation bombed the railway station at Gorna Djumaya, where fires were started.

At Simitli, the railway station and road junction, a motor transport convoy and troop concentrations were attacked. Bombs straddled the railway and road, exploding near some sheds and causing many fires. A motor transport convoy was successfully machine-gunned.

Petrich Raided

The town of Petrich was also raided by our bombers but the full results could not be observed owing to smoke from numerous fires in the area.

Yesterday in bad weather, our bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked a large motor transport concen-

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Bombing Of Sofia Described

Trucks Hurled In Air

ATHENS, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—"I should not have liked to be anywhere near the Sofia railway station on Sunday night as the neighbourhood of the railway junction must have been particularly unhealthy," said one of the R.A.F. pilots on his return from a raid on Sofia.

He continued: "One stick of bombs from our aircraft scored direct hits on the tracks and we saw trucks being hurled into the air. It was good bombing all right. We were not the only ones to score because we saw a continuous white glow where the station buildings of Sofia should have been when we arrived.

Searchlights Attacked

"My navigator was saved much trouble by the fires which guided us to our target. It was a small edition of the fires which burn every night in the Ruhr. The front gunner put paid to the crews of a couple of searchlights and anti-aircraft gun before we got down to business.

"The anti-aircraft fire was pretty intense but we got to our targets all right and bombed and stayed to watch the results. Then we had a crack at the convoys on the road down the Struma Valley, machine-gunning them. After that, we made for home."

German Planes Raid N. Ireland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ZURICH, Apr. 8 (UP).—The German radio was heard to announce that for the first time during the war, German planes attacked northern Ireland. They reported that several large fires had been started.

War Aid For Yugo-Slavia

U.S. Loading Ships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (UP).—Authoritative sources to-day revealed that the first shipment of unspecified types of war materials for Yugo-Slavia is already being loaded on ships at United States coastal points. The materials are likely to include 75 m.m. guns.

Meanwhile, shipping is the major problem and the Yugo-Slavian Minister, M. Fotich, has arranged to requisition seven Yugo-Slavian ships in United States waters, but it is not known whether or not they will be used for the first shipments.

Britons Still Chafe Under Yangtse Restrictions

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Stranded Britishers in Ichang, British shipping on the Yangtse and the alleged round-up of dissident Chinese seamen in Britain were the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir Alexander Russell asked what the Government was doing about the subsistence of Britishers in Ichang who had great difficulty in obtaining supplies owing to the boycott.

Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that a complaint on this point was made last July, after which the situation eased. One further complaint was made this February and the matter had been taken up with the Japanese, who had offered to facilitate the hiring of a truck to carry supplies.

Sir Alexander Russell, in another question about the Yangtse, suggested that Japanese shipping be refused facilities in British ports, including the Dominions and the colonies.

General Policy

Mr Butler said that the Yangtse question was inseparable from the general policy of Japan towards Britain and other foreign interests in China, on which he had made a statement on April 2.

The Labour member, Mr David Adams, asked whether the Home Secretary was aware that search parties were recently instituted in the East End in London and elsewhere for the purpose of collecting Chinese seamen protesting against the non-payment of bonus and that these men were taken to a port for shipment to China.

The Under-Secretary for Home Affairs, Captain O. Peake, replied that he had no knowledge of such search parties but recently a number of Chinese seamen, who were convicted for absence without leave or refusing to obey orders, were repatriated.

No More Mail Notices

The following communique has been issued by the Postmaster-General:

The issue of the Post Office Inward and Outward Mail Notices, except in the case of direct Air Mails, will be discontinued as from to-day, and no enquiries of any nature, i.e. personally, by telephone or by letter, as to the time of closing or receipt of any particular mail can be entertained.

LATEST

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Kunming Heavily Bombed

KUNMING, April 9 (Central News).—Twenty-seven Japanese bombers carried out a devastating raid over Kunming shortly after noon yesterday. Numerous light and heavy bombs and incendiary bombs were showered over various parts of the city causing three big fires, as a result of which many houses were demolished and burned down.

The British Consulate, the office of the National Red Cross Society of China and several other institutions were also damaged.

Yesterday's raid was the first since February 26.

Anyi Besieged

SHANGKAO, Apr. 8 (Central News).—Despite stubborn Japanese resistance, Chinese forces are vigorously battering their way forward toward Anyi, important Japanese base 20 miles north-west of Nanchang. Following the capture of Hsinochikai, a strategic point near Anyi on April 6, the Chinese are laying siege to the city itself.

The Japanese in Anyi are said to be in a critical position. Only a quick withdrawal can save them.

Guerilla Activity

SHANGHAI, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—With the coming of spring, Chinese guerillas have intensified their activity in various areas of Kiangsu and Chekiang provinces, especially along

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Fiery Onslaught By Greeks In Latest Albanian Offensive

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The offensive operations begun by the Greek troops on the Albanian front yesterday continue with "exceptional success," according to the latest reports from the front, says the Athens radio to-night.

The announcer continued: "In the early hours of yesterday, after artillery preparation, our forces launched a strong attack. The violence of our action was so great that enemy fortified positions, barbed-wire entanglements and machine-gun nests were annihilated.

"The enemy was chased out of his positions and suffered a real debacle in men and material. The struggle continued throughout the day. The Italians left dead, wounded and war material on the battle-field and prisoners in our hands."

Defences Taken Over

Describing the attack, the correspondent at the front of the newspaper "Estia" says: "Greek infantry detachments fell upon the enemy with tempestuous violence. Fortified works, machine-gun posts and several lines of trenches were captured at the point of the bayonet in a sweeping charge. Our troops then occupied and reorganised these Italian positions.

"Prisoners were taken in big numbers together with plentiful stores and ammunition. Italian casualties in killed and wounded were heavy."

FRENCH SEA TRAFFIC

M.P.'s Allegations

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Striking allegations about trade between France and her colonies were made by the Liberal member, Mr Geoffrey le Mander, in the House of Commons to-day.

In a question, he suggested that the weekly crossings between France and Africa average 70;

that ships pass Gibraltar from Dakar, Morocco, Indo-China and the Antilles largely unchallenged;

and that imports between October and February amounted to many tons

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Allied Retreat From Salonika Is Hinted

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Apr. 8 (UP).—Military quarters here declare that Salonika "may have lost some of its importance since the last war, because it is within close bombing range of the airfields in Bulgaria." This is construed in unofficial quarters as preparing the public for a possible Allied withdrawal from Salonika.

They said the British withdrawal of advanced troops in Cirenaica is proceeding and it was added that the "action is not necessarily finished" which is believed to mean that further retirement is possible.

The same quarters also said, "There is no confirmation of the report that the Germans have reached the Aegean Sea in western Thrace."

It was asserted that "Massawa is still holding out and the operations are still continuing. The British forces which took Keren are now well on, some working to the south towards Dessie and others towards Massawa."

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Rupture With Hungary

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The German view of the rupture of Anglo-Hungarian diplomatic relations is given by a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman quoted by the German radio.

He described it as "flight before events which were bound to happen one day."

Replying to a question, the spokesman declared that Turkey was not part of the Balkans and that as far as Berlin was aware, nothing had changed in German-Turkish relations since the exchange of messages between Hitler and the Turkish President.

Teleki's Policy

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Hungarian Government will pursue without change the policy of the late Count Teleki, declared the new Prime Minister, Dr de Bardossy, addressing members of the Government Party.

This message was received by telegram from Budapest to the official French agency.

The Minister of the Interior has announced that foreigners now in Hungary can leave the country only by obtaining a special permit.

Palestinian Economics

JERUSALEM, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—A 25 per cent. increase in rates has been decided on by the Jerusalem Municipal Council.

The increase is due to the general desire in Palestine to ease the burden on British tax-payers who contribute grants towards the expenses of the Palestine municipalities.

Drastic provisions of the British Budget have greatly impressed all quarters in Palestine and the high rate was announced subsequent to the publication of the Budget figures.

SEIZURE OF AXIS SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Germany has sent a new note to the United States reinforcing her protests against the seizure of German merchantmen, according to an announcement by Mr Cordell Hull

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 11th, 12th and 14th April, 1941. (Easter Holidays).

Hongkong, 7th April, 1941.

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

PRISONER KING HAS BIRTHDAY

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—King Leopold of the Belgians, whose birthday occurs to-day, is described as "Our Prisoner King" in the Order of the Day issued to his troops by General van Strijdock de Burkel, Commander of the Belgian forces in Great Britain.

He urges his men to "work, train ourselves and prepare for victory. We shall free Belgium, who will rise again, great, united and prosperous."

Decorations For Brave Officers

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Six officers of the aircraft carrier Illustrious have been decorated for "gallant services against enemy aircraft" according to to-night's "London Gazette."

The Illustrious was hit seven times when attacked by dive bombers in the Mediterranean during January but she succeeded in reaching her base.

One officer receives the D.S.O. and one receives the bar to this decoration. The other four officers receive the D.S.C.

Easter Soccer Matches at Home

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Football matches on Easter Monday will be as follows:

LONDON CUP

Brentford v. Queen's P.R.; Crystal Pal. v. Aldershot; Tottenham v. Reading.

LEAGUE, SOUTH

Brighton v. Southampton; Norwich v. Luton; Portsmouth v. Southend.

REGIONAL, SOUTH

Chelsea v. Arsenal; Westham v. Watford; Millwall v. Fulham; Northampton v. Stoke.

REGIONAL, NORTH

Barnsley v. York; Bolton v. Burnley; Everton v. Blackpool; Halifax v. Blackburn; Leeds U. v. Bury; Manchester C. v. Manchester U.; Rochdale v. Oldham; Rotherham v. Huddersfield; Sheffield W. v. Sheffield U.; Southport v. Liverpool; Stockport v. Bradford C.; Tranmere v. Preston; Wrexham v. Stoke.

REGIONAL MATCHES

Bradford v. Mansfield; Chesterfield v. Notts C.; Leicester v. Lincoln.

CROAT UNITY WITH COUNTRY

Dr Matchek's Appeal

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—A call to Croats for unity and discipline was uttered over the Zagreb wireless to-night by Dr Vladimir Matchek, the Croat leader and Vice-Premier in General Simovitch's Cabinet.

The catastrophe of war, he says, can be lessened if the people are united and disciplined.

Assuring the Croats that he was going to remain among them and share with them every sorrow and trial, he urges them to "have faith in God and the unity of the Peasant Party."

Matsuoka To Stay Over In Moscow

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, who is scheduled to leave Moscow on Thursday for Tokyo, is now to stay in the Soviet capital until Easter Sunday, according to an official German news Agency dispatch from Moscow.

Argentine View

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The "O Journal" says that Mr Matsuoka's mission can have a definite result for the Tripartite alliance in the sense of denuding it of any practical effect.

The ever keen and intelligent Japanese will, at the right moment, call a pacifist group into the Government and Admiral Yonai, former President of the Council and a known friend of the United States and England, will return perhaps as head of a Cabinet which will rid itself of compromises which no longer correspond to the interests of the Empire.

For Leningrad

MOSCOW, Apr. 8 (UP).—Japanese circles to-day announced that Mr Matsuoka will go to Leningrad on Wednesday night to re-visit the city where he held a diplomatic post before the revolution. He will return to Moscow on Friday and will leave for Tokyo next Sunday.

Bulgars Watch Macedonia

Friendship With Serbs

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—"All Bulgaria follows with bated breath the war operations in Macedonia," said the Bulgarian Prime Minister, Dr Filoff, addressing a Sobranje meeting to-day, according to a Sofia message to the official German news agency.

Dr Filoff complained of the dropping of bombs on Bulgarian territory although no Bulgarian forces were taking part in the operations.

Dr Filoff also referred to the signing of the Vienna Pact by the Yugo-Slav Premier and Foreign Minister, Dr Cvetkovich and Dr Cincar-Markovitch respectively, on March 25, saying that the Pact established a valuable link between Yugo-Slavia and Bulgaria, between which countries a pact of eternal friendship had been concluded.

Bomber Crash

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NORFOLK, Va. Apr. 8 (UP).—The Naval Station here reported they had located the wreckage of a bomber plane off the east coast of Virginia to-day but found no survivors.

Literary Lecture

The last meeting this season of the Hongkong Branch of the English Association was held at the Helena May Institute yesterday, when Dr Norman Mackenzie, of Hongkong University, read a paper on "Travel and Literature." There was a good attendance.

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Chartered £.....87/8 n.
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Mercantile C. £.....10½ n.
East Asia $.....70 b.

INSURANCES

Cantons $.....225 n.
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H.K. Fire $.....187 n.

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Douglas $.....135 n.
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Indo-Chinas P. $.....80 b.
Indo-Chinas D. $.....60 n.
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Waterboats $ x.d.....6.55 n.

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Docks $.....10 n.
Providents $.....5.35 sa.
S'hai Dockyards $.....26¾ n.

MINING

Kailan s/-.....15/- n.
Raubs $.....8 n.
H.K. Mines.....1¼ cts. n.

LANDS

Hotels $ x.d.....3 b.
Lands $.....33½ n.
Lands 4% Debentures.....97½ n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $.....12½ n.
Humphreys $.....6.80 b.
H.K. Realties $.....3.10 n.
Chinese Estates $.....99 b.

UTILITIES

Trams $.....16¾ n.
Peaks Trams (old) $.....7½ n.
Peak Trams (new) $.....3½ n.
Star Ferries $.....53 sa.
Y. Ferries $.....23¾ b.
China Lights (old).....6.20 sa.
China Lights (new).....1¾ n.
H.K. Electrics (old) x. rts. 26.20 n.
H.K. Electrics (new).....25¼ n.
H.K. Electrics Rts.....15 b.
Macao Electrics (old) $.....18½ n.
Macao Electrics (new) $.....17½ n.
Sandakan Lights $.....12 n.
Telephones (old) $.....23¾ n.
Telephones (new) $.....9¼ n.

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Ch Govt 5% 1925 G$Bds.....42 n.
H.K. Entertainments $.....6½ b.
Constructions (old) $.....1.60 n.
Constructions (new) $.....1 n.
Vibro Piling $.....7.20 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-.....6/3 n.
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1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan.

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Gerry Moore and His Rhythm.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 De Groot and His Orchestra with Richard Tauber (Tenor).

Waldteufel Memories (arr. Finck)....De Groot and His Orchestra; I Want the World to Know (film 'Music for Madame'); To The Land of My Own Romance (V. Herbert)....Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra; 'Louise'—Selection (Charpentier)...De Groot and His Orchestra; Serenade; Sleep Song (both from film 'Pagliacci'—Leoncavallo-Drinkwater....Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra; Eversong (Easthope Martin)....De Groot and His Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Talk: 'Britain Speaks'.

J. B. Priestly.

7.30 A Chopin Programme.

Impromptu No. 1 in A Flat Major, Op. 29; Impromptu No. 2 in F Sharp Major, Op. 36....Alfred Cortot (Piano); Ballade No. 2 in F Major, Op 38....Alfred Cortot (Piano); Waltz in C Sharp Minor...Bronislaw Huberman (Violin) with Piano; Scherzo No. 2 in B Flat Minor, Op. 31.....Arthur Rubinstein (Piano); Nocturne in F Sharp Major, Op. 15, No. 2....Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Vaughan Williams—Serenade to Music.

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8.17 Cesar Franck—Symphony in D Minor.

1st Mov: Lento-Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov: Allegretto; 3rd Mov: Allegro non troppo....Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.

9.30 Humorous and Vocal Variety.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 Studio—Our letter from Free China.

10.15 Dance Music.

11.00 Close Down.

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11.30 a.m. Friday, 11th April
10.00 a.m. Saturday, 12th April
11.30 a.m. Monday, 14th April

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Rangoon.....Apr. 10.
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Canton.....Apr. 12.
Swatow.....Apr. 12.
Australia and Manila.....Apr. 14.
Japan and Manila.....Apr. 14.
Rangoon and Straits.....Apr. 14.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 8th April.....Apr. 15.
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Canton.....Apr. 15.
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Wednesday, April 9
Sandakan.....1.30 p.m.
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K. P. O.
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Ord. Apr. 9, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Apr. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 9, 7 p.m.
Canton.....7.00 p.m.
Thursday, April 10
Rangoon and Calcutta 3.30 p.m.
Friday, April 11
Sandakan.....8.30 a.m.
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg., ...Apr. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Ord., ...Apr. 11, 11.00 a.m.
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Sunday, April 13
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Monday, April 14
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Ord. Apr. 14, 10.00 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels Apr. 14, 10 a.m.
Letters Apr. 14, 11 a.m.
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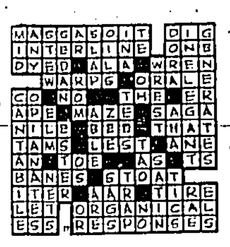
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Outdoor game
5—Abode of dead
10—Suppose
14—Egg-shaped
15—Apart
16—Town in Nevada
17—Ill-mannered
18—Male of red deer
19—State of tranquillity
20—Independent Moslem commander
22—A single
23—Hell
24—Human figure in marble
26—Piece of refuse
27—Exist as
29—Human beings
30—Girl's name
31—Residence (abbr.)
34—South American country
37—Approaching maturity
40—In inclined position
42—Sick
43—One who devours
44—Vote by people on proposed law
47—Prefix: half
48—Golf mound
49—Unit of energy
50—Female pig
52—River in Livonia
53—Device for agitating air
54—Begins
57—Frozen rain
60—Ban
61—Fermenting agent
64—Linger
65—Kind of gem

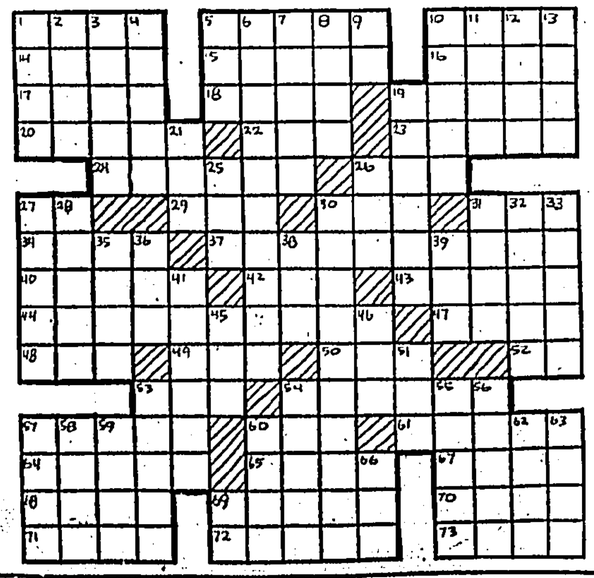
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



67—Pipe like chicken
68—Chief of gods
69—Choicest part
70—Holy picture
71—Writing instruments
72—Wild West show
73—Performance

DOWN

1—Wedge-shaped piece
2—Cell formed in ovary
3—Puts burden on
4—Collection of ships
5—Possessed
6—Stupefying
7—Girl's name
8—Rim
9—Selenium
10—Apply special process to
11—Dean
12—At one time
13—Troubles
19—Peculiar habit of language
21—Male goat
25—Brew
26—Suffix denoting direction
27—Separated
28—Affray
30—Adorn with picture
31—Network
32—Medicinal liquid
33—Narrow streak
35—Abundant
39—Employ
38—Aged
39—Vulgar fellow (col.)
41—Agreement between nations
45—Bird of prey
46—Extinct bird of New Zealand
51—Contorted
53—Flowerless plants
54—Reliable
55—Moderately warm
56—Food dressing
57—Bait
58—Receive cargoes
59—Ireland
60—Philippine cutlass
62—Plum-like astringent fruit
63—Exert influence in certain direction
66—One of thirteen popes
69—Erbium (abbr.)



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OUR GREAT NEW ARMY—10

Now they love their iron horses

By H. V. MORTON

A LIEUTENANT with the face of his sister came over to the ante-room fire and lit a cigarette. It had been whispered to me that this child had performed fearless deeds in France with the cavalry tanks.

He talked to me about modern war in a cold, dispassionate way. It was positively hair-raising to hear such a gentle, lady-like young man describe horrors without a trace of emotion.

He might have been describing a vicarage tea party. His was the voice, and his the eyes, of a disillusioned generation.

"It beats me why people in this country haven't been told some of the filthy tricks the Germans played on the French civilians," he said. "I should have thought it would have been good stuff for our Ministry of Information; but I suppose it's not gentlemanly enough for them.

"Tough Guys"

"You know that tanks lie up at night in what we call harbours, generally a lonely wood or a little village. The German tank crews are taught to go without food and drink for a whole day, sometimes longer. They like doing it, too. Tough guys—you know the idea?

"Well, the consequence is that, when night comes, they are hungry as wolves. They find a harbour, stuff their bellies till they can hardly move and go to sleep. That's the time for the Home Guard to get them; but France hadn't got a Home Guard.

"Now what happened more than once was this. A few German tanks would arrive in a lonely village just as it was getting dark. The villagers would gather round and stand about watching them.

"Suddenly, without warning, a light automatic would be turned on them, killing perhaps five and wounding maybe seven, and the rest would rush away and lock their doors.

"Then, having deliberately terrorised the village—locked it up with fear, so to speak, for the night—the Germans would post one sentry over the dead and dying and—go to sleep. Lovable people, the Jerries. . . ."

Cavalry To-day

It had stopped raining, and he took me out to look at the tanks.

The regiment was a crack cavalry regiment that has been charging through English history for the last three centuries.

Just to mention the name of this regiment or to see it in print, is to have a mental picture of cavalry in line, neck to neck, galloping all out, the horses with distended nostrils, and the troopers, some bare-headed, leaning forward with drawn sabres. That has been the function of the regiment in war since it was formed long ago.

Now you will find these cavalrymen, well hidden in the English countryside, tending a number of big, muddy monsters, from whose turrets protrude guns.

"Done Proud"

We saw a number of heavy armoured chargers being groomed in a pine wood.

A young troop officer came up, the same kind of young man who in former days would have been walking the horse-lines in riding-boots and spurs; now he wore battle-dress.

Like most of the regiment, he had been in France, fighting in a tank from the moment of landing until the evacuation. He described to me the tragedy of having to retreat, leaving all vehicles and equipment on the other side.

"But now we're re-equipped to the last button," he said, "and much better equipped than we were when we went out. The W.O. has done us proud. Look at our new tanks! They're beauties."

(Good heavens, I thought, this is how men used to talk about horses! He'll be asking me to run my hand down the mechanical equivalent of a hock.)

"I'll tell you one thing," he went on. "Our new tanks are about 50 per cent. better than those we left in France. They contain all sorts of improvements suggested by our experiences out there. So, if Jerry comes over, we'll be waiting for him. . . ."

As we climbed over the tanks and squeezed our way into them, I felt for the first time that there is a queer new romance about mechanised war, and, oddly enough, it links up with the old romance of the armoured knight.

The young men who venture into peril in a modern tank have more in common with the knight in plate armour who thundered across the battlefields of the Middle Ages than they have with the infantry of even the last war.

Modern Knights

What was an armoured knight but the answer of defence to attack; first the knight in chain mail protecting himself against the shaft of the long-bow, then the more heavily armoured knight protecting himself against the musket ball. And what is the tank but an answer to the machine gun?

It was the machine gun that abolished the cavalry charge, just as it created the tank: an armoured monster designed at first only to cross trenches and batter down barbed wire entanglements in the face of machine gun fire.

If the tank had stayed in the stage of development it had reached, say, at Cambrai during the moment of its first great triumph, it might still have remained just that: a great battering ram.

But it did not stay there. It added speed to armour, and no sooner had it done so than the lancers, the dragoons, and the hussars were fated to make their last charge—a gallop out of modern warfare.

I think mechanised cavalry are perhaps the most interesting section of the Royal Armoured Corps, because they are converted conservatives; diehards who have been obliged to accept the inevitable tendencies of a new age.

A mounted cavalry soldier, even in a desert, has now become as archaic as a cab-driver, or as one of those Victorias which might be seen before the War in Hyde Park: picturesque, romantic, good to look upon, bringing into this dull age a little colour from another world, but, after all, definitely out of date.

I wondered what the younger generation of cavalrymen really think about mechanisation. Do they mourn their lost chargers, or are they content to charge on wheels and tracks?

"Have you any men who were in the regiment before mechanisation?" I asked.

They passed the word along for Sergeant Brown.

"Do you prefer machines to horses?" I asked him.

Regrets?—No!

Rather to my astonishment, for it was not the reply I had expected, Sergeant Brown spoke as follows:

"Every time," he said. "I look at it like this. In the old days it was always stables, feeding, watering, burnishing bits and bridles and cleaning saddles. A trooper's life was one long fatigue.

"But now we're mechanised, we don't have to take the tanks out to water, or feed them, or shine them up with a burnisher. That's one thing; and it's a big thing, because it means that a cavalryman in modern war has got to be something more than a groom.

"Then there's another thing. Take cavalry in the last war. Was it messed about? Was it chucked into the line dismounted, neither one thing nor the other? It was, simply because you couldn't use cavalry.

'Give Me Tanks'

"Also, let me say this: No one who's fond of horses will shed a tear because they don't go into action. A cavalry charge in the old days wasn't what pictures crack it up to be. Not by a long way.

The sound of horses screaming, and the sight of them lying about blown to pieces wasn't anything to boast about; and one of the sights that I didn't take over there last Summer was French and Belgian cavalry with their horses hardly able to move and the saddles sticking to their backs. No? Give me tanks."

I was told that probably the majority of the younger men in the mechanised cavalry think like that. Many of them became sick of a cavalryman's life in the years before mechanisation, when the cavalry was starved while the War Office made up its mind what to do with it.

The result was that regiments fell below strength, and every man found himself responsible for three and four horses. To such men the arrival of tanks came as a welcome relief from the bondage of perpetual stables.

Same Spirit

But the cavalry is not dead, because the "cavalry spirit" lives on in the mechanised regiment. The function of cavalry tanks is the same as that of mounted cavalry. They require all the speed and dash which made them famous in the old days.

"You'd be surprised to know how little we have really changed," said one of the officers. "This kind of war is really a cavalry war, a war of movement and surprise."

So the spirit that has always animated the British cavalry directs the tanks. The cavalry has been remounted on iron horses.

NEXT:
Measuring Men's Minds

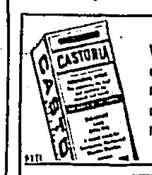
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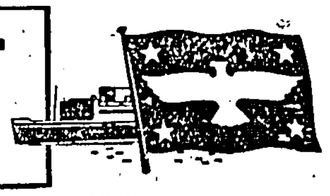
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BRITAIN'S BUDGET

Sir Kingsley Wood's 1941-42 war budget, so grimly realistic, yet revealing once again the astonishing elasticity of Britain's finances, is sufficient to turn Hitler green with envy, should that smug, self-complacent man bother to study the figures. The essential features are that Britain is not only going to the fullest lengths possible to pay for the war as it progresses, but is also providing for the important post-war period when a nation's resources are usually at its lowest ebb. Under the 1941-42 budget, Britain is to start building a sinking fund which is to guarantee her economic and social security when the days of peace are here again.

For his previous war budgets, Sir Kingsley Wood was accused of lacking boldness and vision. This accusation can no longer be made. It is doubtful if anything more sweeping or comprehensive in the way of obtaining required additional revenue could have been suggested than his increased income tax which operates from one end of the scale to the other. It means that the nation, to a man, is to make his contribution towards ultimate victory.

The knowledge of the new sacrifices to be made by the people of England must surely stimulate Hongkong to accept, with greater readiness and humility, the comparatively slight calls upon our purse-strings. And it should set an example to those who have been guilty of evading, or attempting to evade, their duty in respect of contributing to the Empire's war effort. In comparison we are very lightly taxed; by the same comparison our giving has not been made with that willingness and cheerfulness which so characterises the people at Home and elsewhere. Those millions of people, who are in the front line of the battle, not only for Britain, but for Democracy, have set a new standard of "giving till it hurts". Let Hongkong do likewise.

The Makings of Democracy in China

By Paul M. A. LINEBARGER

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THE supreme paradox, perhaps, of the present Far Eastern scene lies in the fact that a nation theoretically parliamentary and democratic is the aggressor against a nation theoretically one-party and dictatorial. But in Japan the 1899 Constitution fades away like a dissolving dream; even as it fades, however, it casts a glow of freedom upon an empire which hastens toward ambiguous totalitarianism and unambiguous ruin. In China, contrastingly, vast armies and tight-closed doctrinal parties provide by common consent a forcing-ground for a new working democracy in continental Asia.

It might seem at first glance that it would be easier to concentrate on saving constitutional democracy in Japan than in creating it, brand-new, in China; no doubt some such hypothesis—expressed or unexpressed—lies at the root of the United States' nine years' appeasement of Japan. Such a policy is not of itself a bad policy, especially if the rest of the world happens to be prosperous, good-humoured and sane, but it is a very short-sighted policy in that it emphasises formulas instead of social realities.

No one acquainted with both Chinese and Japanese peoples in their native lands would question the fact that the Chinese are incomparably the more democratic of the two. To attribute democracy to Japan would be to insult Japan, for the virtues of the Japanese are virtues only to the extent that they are anti-democratic in effect. The undemocratic and racialist implications of nationalism, which have been exploited in Europe by Adolf Hitler, form an integral part of the Japanese mentality. Japan is, essentially, Japan-worshipping with the Empire conceived of as a great superior family of divine origin. Within this family and its code of values lies all the intense, almost heart-breaking beauty that is Japan—its' precise delicacy, its rigorous admiration of chivalry, its magnificent discipline, its spirit of self-sacrifice, its spiritual drive toward co-operation and unity.

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All these things, however, deny the democratic assumption that the indiyidual man is somehow more important than the shadow of the masses of his fellows. Assertion of individualism in Japan is, when fostered operatively rather than logically, a negation of human life itself. Characteristically, Confucianism, which in some aspects is conservative and hierarchical, Buddhism, which proclaims the "ecstatic annihilation of the soul," and Shintoism, which is a worship of the sights, sounds, and smells of Japan, are eminent in Japan's faith. Taoism, which is libertarian, anarchical, cynical, amusing and wickedly frolicsome, has made very little headway in Japan, despite its enormous influence in China.

It would, perhaps, be a splendid thing for mankind to save the Japanese as a museum piece for some later, democratic world wherein their strange, intense virtues could be exhibited as a part of the perverse beauty of the past. But a feudal relic equipped with the world's third largest fleet is too far outside the category of a cultural treasure to make it safe for preservation. To leave Japan alone is rather like keeping tigers in the city streets instead of the zoo.

In contrast with this, Americans who go to China, after their first shock at meeting a more backward technology than any seen in the Western world and after getting used to the alien manners of the Chinese, find themselves in a strangely familiar environment.

First of all, the Chinese attitude to the fundamental issue of faith is similar to that of Americans. The United States has many churches but little fanaticism, and its people are too engrossed in eating, drinking, making money and enjoying the good things of life—both vulgar and esoteric—to feel an inward horror of themselves and a sharp, driving urge to sacrifice themselves on the altar of an all-embracing God or an all-embracing Cause. The Chinese similarly are peculiarly devoted to enjoying life as it is and reluctant to foreswear living for dreaming. (The most deliciously prepared squab which the writer ever tasted was served to him after a preliminary air-raid warning in Chungking. His fellow guests did not let patriotism spoil their zest for cookery.) The Chinese, like the Americans, are fond of religion, but not fond enough to murder their neighbours about it. The Japanese by contrast identify their Emperor with God and then themselves with their Emperor.

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Again, in the matter of attitude toward government, the Chinese are always complaining about their political institutions and yet adhering to them tenaciously in practice, just as an American business man might say—in the same breath—that "all politicians are crooks' and that he would "die for the Constitution." The Chinese are free in throwing out their leaders, perhaps too free, and are able to forget a political orgy once they have had their fun out of it. In the middle 1920's the Chinese anti-imperialist campaign blazed forth in wild fanaticism. Five years later it was ashes, not embers. This might be compared with the rise of by-product politics during President Roosevelt's first term when Coughlin, Townsend, Huey Long, Lemke and others were looked on by many as beaters of the tomtoms of incipient Fascism. In Japan, on the other hand, fanaticism becomes canalised, organised and systematised in cliques, secret societies and government sponsored institutions. The Japanese dispose of recalcitrant leaders through assassination.

With respect to the army, the Chinese armies have been bad in great part because they were not sufficiently respected and admired by society at large. They had too little prestige instead of too much. In Japan the army is able to defy the rest of the state and from a historical point of view, warlordism is a term more nearly applicable to the Japanese continental forces than to the Chinese.

Last of all, and perhaps most importantly, the Chinese are socially democratic. Hereditary family distinctions mean no more in China than they do in America. China is a sort of vast Iowa, not even a Massachusetts.

With these foundations the undemocratic politics of China may be transcended in a democratically oriented society; the constitutional politics of Japan are a facade upon the world's most beautiful and most anachronistic absolutist hierarchy. Out of the mobile and highly secular society of China there may emerge a democracy, whatever its forms, which will prove its genuineness by vigorous practicality in material success. On the other hand the Japanese in the twentieth century find themselves the prisoners of a prehistoric mentality. Perhaps Japan's freedom lies beyond catastrophe and social revolution.—From the "Christian Science Monitor".

Serial Story

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Chapter III

THE everchanging mania of Madame la Duchesse was again in the tearful stage. "Don't leave me, Theo!" she sobbed, "I *must* talk to you! If I promise never again to torment you with my anger and unreasoning mistrust of that—*that woman*—won't you try to love me as you once did! Please, please, Theo! I beg of you!"

The Duke, already late for an appointment at the House of Peers, and exasperated beyond measure by his wife's vagaries, left the room without replying. It maddened her. "Oh, how I hate him," she shrieked, "how I loathe him!" A black-robed figure glided from the shadows a thin hand caressed her hair. "Have patience, child," the Abbe Gallard murmured, "and you will be rewarded!"

The fragile Raynald had developed a heavy cold but in spite of the objections of Mlle. Henriette, the Duchess took him for a drive in the chill spring air. Such a desperate illness ensued that the doctor ordered windows closed and room darkened and the Duchess summoned the Abbe Gallard to administer the last rites of the Church.

The garden was in bloom and Mlle. Henriette took it upon herself to open the windows and let the child see the sunlit world. The Duchess stormed, but Raynald, as if by a miracle, got well.

During the sickness of Raynald his sisters had been sent to Corsica to the home of their grandfather, the Marechal Sebastiani, and now the boy was to be sent there. Madame la Duchesse, in another mood, sent a letter to the governess, enclosing a brooch, *"May this small token,"* the missive read, *"ask your indulgence toward one who has been too cruelly hurt to inflict like pain on another."*

Mlle. Henriette hastened to the great lady to thank her.

"You know, I presume," the Duchess began icily," that the Duke and I are going to Corsica this afternoon!" She said the words, 'the Duke and I,' gloatingly, then added apologetically, "Of course, Mademoiselle, any mother has a right to come first in her own house, with her own children, and surely with her husband!"

"Truly, Madame, no other thought has ever been in my mind, and I assure you I will be more careful in the future!"

"The future," sighed the Duchess, "ah, yes . . . who knows!"

The Duke did go to Corsica with his wife and son. In a few days, however, he came back to Paris with the boy, and with Louise, who ostensibly had a toothache. Louise had often begged her father to take her to the theatre, and since Mlle. Henriette, finally confessed that she herself had never seen the great Rachel act—the Duke insisted that she go with himself and Louise.

When King Louis Philippe bowed to them from his box, Louise was in a state of wild elation. The King, Rachel, the theatre, the crows, the orchids, Father, Mlle Henriette. It was almost too much to be true!

Mlle Henriette, who had gone against her better judgment, was horrified to read in the morning paper:

"The fact that the Duc and Duchess de Pr . . . have not appeared in public for some time has given rise to rumours of dissension between them . . . The Duchess is understood to be in the South for her health . . . The Duc's box was not without its feminine adornment, however, for, beside his daughter, he was accompanied by a very attractive Mademoiselle D . . . who is said to be a governess. The King, who was present, was seen to smile and bow at them. Was this, we ask, a sign of royal approval?"

(To be continued to-morrow)



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Japanese Suicide In Bombay

BOMBAY, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—A verdict of suicide was recorded at the inquest into the death of Hiroji Uemura, manager of the Bombay branch of the N.Y.K., who was found dead at his residence.

It was revealed at the inquest that the body was discovered hanging in the bath-room in the flat occupied by Uemura.

The doctor also deposed that it was a distinct case of hanging.

Evidence with regard to the reasons for suicide were not submitted and the Coroner, addressing the jury, said that the law did not require them to find out anything more than this.

The Coroner added: "We have nothing to do with the question of why he committed suicide."

The jury unanimously returned a verdict of suicide by hanging.

Offices Searched

Enquiries revealed that two Parsi employees of the N.Y.K. were arrested under the Defence of India Rules a few days ago on a charge of collection of shipping information useful to the enemy, following which the Police searched the N.Y.K. office on Saturday.

The late Mr Uemura about ten years ago served as Sub-Manager of the N.Y.K. in Hongkong, remaining here for about three years.

R.A.F. Disrupt Nazi Panzer Divisions

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which are proving most effective in the battles for the mountain passes.

The German raids have not interfered with the regular passage of material and munitions for the British troops. Along the roads leading to the front, pass long lines of British big guns, munition trucks, food and other supplies while troops from the whole Empire, principally from the homeland, Australia and New Zealand are joining their comrades who have already taken up their positions.

Germans Advance

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—German troops are continuing their advance into Serbia "despite great destruction of the roads and very difficult country," states the German news agency to-night.

"Considerable war materials, including a large number of medium and heavy guns and motorised batteries, have been captured," it claims, adding that large quantities of infantry ammunition fell into the hands of the advancing troops during these operations.

Belgrade Casualties

VICHY, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Several hundred people were killed and about 3,000 were injured in two days and two nights of bombing attacks on Belgrade, according to a dispatch from Belgrade to the Vichy news agency.

The dispatch says that ministerial and industrial quarters, stations and the river port are in flames.

Germans Annihilated

LONDON, Apr. 8 (UP).—The "Exchange Telegraph's" correspondent at Athens reports that the military spokesman, amplifying last night's communique, declares that an important German column was ambushed and completely annihilated while attempting to penetrate Greek territory through a ravine, adding, "it was strewn with their dead."

Alexandropolis Falls

ISTANBUL, Apr. 8 (UP).—Greek diplomatic sources say the Germans have occupied Alexandropolis, cutting off communications between Turkey and Greece.

Fiume Evacuated

ZURICH, Apr. 8 (UP).—The most reliable diplomatic sources state that the Italians have completely evacuated Fiume.

Greeks Win Local Action

ATHENS, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Several hundred Germans attempting to move down the Nestos River in rubber boats were caught in the cross-fire of Greek forces and wiped out, reports the Athens correspondent of an independent French agency.

In yesterday's fighting, the German attacks were held, and the Greeks counter-attacked at several points. The Germans are carrying out wave attacks each lasting six hours, against the Perifori fort. The defending Greeks are outnumbered five to one.

The Germans succeeded once in getting a foothold in the fort but they were flung out after a violent struggle, states a Greek High Command communique.

Three attacks were made against the fort at Rupel, the last of which was very heavy. Each time the Germans were forced to withdraw.

Twelve German tanks were destroyed, and several prisoners taken when the attacks on the fort of Lisse were repulsed.

Elsewhere, motorised units were wiped out by the Greeks, adds the correspondent.

Rome Denial

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—It is emphatically denied in Rome that Yugo-Slav troops have occupied Fiume, Zara and Scutari, says the Rome radio.

Radio Resumes

BELGRADE, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Belgrade radio station resumed broadcasting to-night at 9.15 p.m. G.M.T. after being silent since the initiation of the German attack.

The announcer said that service would be resumed.

PAPAL BROADCAST

ROME, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Pope will broadcast a short message on Easter Sunday at mid-day (G.M.T.) before giving the benediction Urbi et Orbi.

NAVAL LIAISON U.S. & R.N.

Same Equipment

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Under-Secretary of the Navy, Mr James Forrestal, is leaving for Britain in about a fortnight "to establish close liaison" between the Navy Department and the British Admiralty on matters connected with the Lease and Lend programme.

In making this announcement, the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, said that the Navy Department was handling purchases of material in the United States for the British Navy under the Lease and Lend Act and was also undertaking repairs to British warships.

Expedite Repairs

"Efforts are being made very rapidly to establish suitable uniformity in naval equipment," added Colonel Knox, who explained that the object was to expedite purchases and repairs.

One of the chief purposes of Mr Forrestal's trip to Britain, according to naval circles, would be to see if some method could be found whereby the British could use more American naval weapons and other equipment not standard in the Royal Navy.

Nazi Plane Down

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—One enemy fighter was shot down in the Channel during the day.

A few bombs were dropped on the East Anglian coast at mid-day, causing little damage and no casualties, states the Air Ministry.

Quiet Evening

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—There was no alert in London up to a late hour to-night.

March Death Roll

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Air raid casualties in Britain during March were 4,259 civilians killed and 5,557 injured and detained in hospital, announces the Minister of Home Security.

S. African Riots

Report On Inquiry

CAPETOWN, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The report of the Commission of Inquiry into the riots in Johannesburg on January 31 and February 1 last, in which thousands of civilians, soldiers and police were involved following a speech by the leader of the extreme Republican Ossewabrandwag organisation is now published.

It recommends that the military authorities take adequate precautions to prevent disorders when soldiers are on leave and severely punish the participants in disorders; that in order to restore public confidence in the Police force and obviate further dissension within its ranks all signs of distinction between members of the Force should be removed; the effective strength of the Police Force should be increased and severe disciplinary measures be taken against those members of the Force who disobey orders or commit unnecessary acts of violence.

Closer co-operation between the military, the Police, the Civil Guards and the Civilians Protection services should be established.

Yen Transfer Restrictions

SHANGHAI, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—The new exchange restrictions published by the exchange control limit the amount permitted to be carried by travellers from Japan to China to Yen 200 only, reports the "Tanjiku Shimpo."

However, permission may be obtained from the Japanese Ministry of Finance to carry sums exceeding the limit up to Yen 500.

Remittances from Japan to China will be curtailed to Yen 500. Remittances up to this amount may be made without obtaining permission from the Ministry of Finance.

Yellow River Floods Feared

SHANGHAI, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—The Nanking regime is seeking the co-operation of the Chungking Government in the problem of repairing the Yellow River dykes quickly in order to prevent serious floods in Kiangsu and Anhwei, according to Chinese press reports.

A Nanking official is reported to have stated that Chungking must co-operate since some of the dykes are in Chungking-controlled areas.

It is stated, however, that hitherto no actual telegraphic request has been formally made by Nanking to Chungking.

Chungking Attache

CHUNGKING, Apr. 9 Reuter).—Major James McHugh, Assistant U.S. Naval and Air Attache, has been promoted Naval and Air Attache, the U.S. Embassy has officially announced.

Major McHugh is succeeding Captain John M. Creighton.

SHIPPING FIGURES

Nazi Propaganda

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—How Germany juggles with figures in her propaganda war against British shipping is exposed by a survey of German claims for March made in authoritative circles in London.

German day to day claims, it is pointed out, are the most exaggerated. The sum of these is always greater than each "weekly total" issued by the Nazis.

For example, the figures for the third week of the battle for the Atlantic total 387,000 tons while the day to day figures add up to 422,000 tons.

In the second week, when no weekly total was claimed, the day to day figure was 185,000 tons.

Similarly, the sum of the weekly figures broadcast to all countries is greater than the monthly total given.

For example, the monthly total for March was 718,000 tons is equalled by the first, third and fourth weekly totals. The 185,000 tons claimed by the day to day total in the second week never appears again.

Lastly, as part of the war of nerves against Britain, the figures given in broadcasts to England are always higher than those cited to places elsewhere.

Burma Road Repaired

Questions In Commons

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Central News).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr Gibson asked the Foreign Secretary whether he had considered the speech made in Berlin by Mr Matsuoka praying for a speedy victory for Germany and whether the British Government had sent General Chiang Kai-shek a message of encouragement and support on lines similar to that sent by President Roosevelt.

Mr Gibson further asked what steps the British, Indian and Burmese Governments have taken jointly and severally to keep open the Burma Road in order to aid the Chinese in resisting the aggressor in China.

Replying, Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that he had seen press reports on Mr Matsuoka's statement. The British Government's policy was stated on March 20, and it is, he said, already fully understood by General Chiang.

Regarding the Burma Road, Mr Butler stated that owing to Japanese bombing of the bridges at Mekong and Salween, there has been certain interruption of traffic but repairs have been effected and the road is now open to traffic over its entire length.

R.A.F. ATTACK ON KIEL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 8 (UP).—The Air Ministry to-day announced that the Bomber Command last night made a heavy and successful attack on Kiel.

Great fires were started and there was much destruction in the submarine building yards.

The raid lasted nearly five hours.

Attacks were also made on Bremerhaven and Emden.

Heavy Bomb Loads

LONDON, Apr. 8 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced that during last night's air attack on Kiel, the British bombers carried the heaviest loads ever dropped on Germany in a single night.

U-BOAT CREWS CAPTURED

Recent Operations

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Over 50 German U-boat officers, including one of Germany's ace commanders, and considerably more than 400 German petty officers and men are prisoners of war.

These figures are given in an Admiralty communique which adds that the number of U-boats operating has lately been large and British countermeasures have recently met with correspondingly greater success.

One of the prisoners is Commander Kretschmer, the Captain of U-boat 99, who is regarded in Germany as one of the most notable and successful of U-boat commanders. In August, 1940, he was decorated with the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross. Last December, Hitler bestowed on him the Oak Leaves, denoting a higher class of this decoration. He recently received special promotion.

Italians As Well

The communique also says that there are also a number of Italian U-boat prisoners in British hands.

As no guidance is given of the number of U-boats sunk without a trace and as many prisoners may be only a proportion of the crews, the Admiralty figures do not make it possible to calculate how many U-boats have been sunk.

The normal complement of German submarines varies from 23 in the coastal type to 35 and 40 in the ocean-going type.

Notable Captive

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Commander Kretschmer, one of the leading German U-boat captains, who is now a prisoner of war, is the man who sank the two British auxiliary cruisers, Laurentic and Patroclus, according to the German High Command.

The High Command in December claimed that Commander Kretschmer was the first Commander to sink more than 250,000 tons of shipping. His latest sinkings included the destroyer, H.M.S. Daring.

SOUTH CHINA WAR RELIEF

KWEILIN, Apr. 8 (Central News).—Mr Chu Ying-kwang, Vice-Chairman of the National Relief Commission, who is now on a tour of inspection to the war-affected areas in Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hunan and other provinces, arrived here this morning from Hengyang.

After a brief stay here, during which he will inspect the various relief organs, Mr Chu will leave on Saturday for Nanning and other southern Kwangsi cities to supervise the execution of relief measures.

He will later proceed to Kiangsi on a similar mission.

China Tea Company

CHUNGKING, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—Mr Shou Ching-wei, Managing Director of the China Tea Company, which controls China's exports of tea, has resigned.

The Managing Directorship will be taken over by Mr Li Tai-chu assuming the new duties on April 16.

Raid On Norway

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Ten people were arrested at Svolvaer after the Lofoten Islands raid and are said to be among the first prisoners sent to a German concentration camp at Oslo, according to the Norwegian telegraphic agency.

Dazzling Work By British Pilots In Western Desert

CAIRO, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Aircraft of the R.A.F. and Royal Australian Air Force in Cirenaica have been operating continuously for the past week, covering a concentration of Imperial troops in their new positions and harassing the enemy's lines of communication, says a Middle East communique.

The communique adds: "Our bombers raided aerodromes in the neighbourhood of Benghazi and, assisted by fighters, have attacked enemy motor transport and troop concentrations ceaselessly.

"Detailed reports are not available but during one day alone our fighters shot down 14 enemy aircraft, believed to be German, without loss to themselves.

"On another day, four enemy aircraft were destroyed, again without the loss of a British plane."

Abyssinia Bombed

NAIROBI, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—To-day's official air communique states: "Further details of the South African Air Force raid on Kombulcha on April 6 show that our fighters destroyed ten enemy aircraft dispersed at the aerodrome and damaged many others of all types.

"In addition, our fighter escort shot down two CR42's at Kombulcha, where another enemy aircraft taking off was also damaged and another, taxi-ing on the runway, was destroyed.

"Other bombers secured direct hits on aerodrome buildings at Dessie and several heavy bombs were dropped on a motor transport park north of the buildings.

"Motor transport on the Dessie Road was attacked by bombers and fighters and several lorries were also attacked."

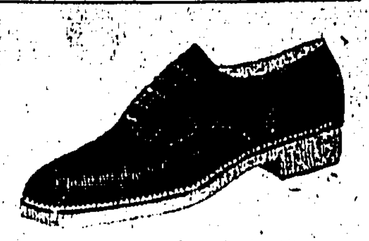


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Around The Courses

U.S. Professionals In The Balance

Runyan's Ranking Of Sam Snead Results In Minor Outburst

Kowloon-Happy Valley Match

(By "Birdie")

IF WRITING could show a hoarse voice, these words would be blurred and unreadable, and it is all the result of the foul golfing weather we had on Sunday. On Saturday, in shorts and a sports singlet one perspired; on Sunday, with two sweaters and a muffler the biting wind still got through and for the first few holes gave one the shivers.

And then it rained in the afternoon.

The annual match between teams selected by the President and Captain of the Country Club Sheungshui, was called off when the rain came down, and as someone had to pay for the dinner after the match, the scores were reckoned at the time of abandonment and the President's side were hosts.

On the singles matches in the morning, however, the Captain's team had gained a slight lead of 1½ points.

This is, I think, the third year in succession that this match has been abandoned through rain. To some it proves a long and disastrous interval before dinner.

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PERIODICALLY, the American professionals voice their opinions as to who is the best golfer in their ranks, and recently Paul Runyan started something when he lauded Sam Snead the best golfer who has ever lived.

Two days later the storm broke in the locker room following the New Orleans Open Tournament, and Jimmy Demaret spoke for them all. Who, demanded the Texan, was Paul Runyan to say that Snead was the greatest golfer that ever lived? "Runyan beat Snead 8 and 7 in the 1938 P.G.A. final. I beat him 4 and 3 in the San Francisco match play. What does that make me?"

Runyan had said that though Snead would probably never equal Bobby Jones' record because competition to-day was keener, yet Snead stood alone for the ease with which he swung, and for the less work taken to complete that swing; and for his competitive disposition in that he could relax and forget bad shots.

Demaret jumped into this breach by pointing out that Bobby Jones and Walter Hagan were the world's best. Jones had won three British Opens, four U.S. opens, a British amateur and five U.S. amateurs. Hagan claims five P.G.A. championships, four British opens, two U.S. opens and 100 sectional tournaments.

To Snead, Runyan conceded no weakness, though he admitted that Byron Nelson was the better shot-maker. His order with the clubs was:

Driver.—Snead, Nelson, Ben Hogan and Harry Cooper.

Brassie.—Snead, Lawson Little, Horton Smith, Craig Wood and Jimmy Thomson.

Spoon.—Cooper and Horton Smith.

Long Irons.—Nelson and Lloyd Mangrum.

Nos. 4 and 5.—Nelson, Ralph Guldahl and Snead.

Nos. 6, 7 and 8.—Guldahl, Johnny Revolta and himself.

Putter.—Horton Smith in a class by himself.

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AS a reminder to the players in the Kowloon-Happy Valley match at Kowloon on Good Friday, the following are the starting times:

A.M.		P.M.
8.50	R. K. Collings, D. S. Edward	2.00
8.54	A. J. Dennis, K. S. Robertson	"
8.58	K. S. Mackenzie, A. McKellar	2.05
9.02	T. B. Low, T. Low	"
9.06	H. S. Phillips, A. C. I. Bowker	2.10
9.10	A. L. Eastman, W. Sharp	"
9.14	W. C. Simpson, H. H. Mundy	2.15
9.18	W. V. Ahern, A. D. Humphreys	"
9.22	T. Lamb, L. M. S. Lloyd	2.20
9.26	F. C. Barry, A. L. Penn	"
9.30	A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Willerton	2.25
9.34	A. A. Lopes, N. J. Bebbington	"
9.38	E. F. Fincher, C. E. F. Simpson	2.30
9.42	S. Jex, N. J. Booker	"
9.46	J. McKelvie, G. Davies	2.35
9.50	W. Kershaw, W. Stoker	"
	Reserves	
9.54	E. C. Fincher, N. D. Booker	2.40
9.58	J. Coles, M. A. Cairns	"

Fourballs in the afternoon will be played according to the times on the right.

To-day's Tennis

YESTERDAY'S doubles match, W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher v. Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui, was postponed owing to the sodden state of the ground. This match will be played to-morrow and the winners will meet the Tsui brothers in the semi-finals.

To-day's matches in the Open Tournament are:

Singles

G. Choa v. Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court).

Pang Oi-lam v. H. D. Rumjahn.

Hockey

International Tournament Abandoned

At a meeting of the Hockey Association yesterday at the European Y.M.C.A. it was decided not to hold the International Tournament this year as Volunteer and other duties made it very difficult to organise matches.

The Six-a-Side Tournament will be held, however. Entries will close on April 16. Entries, accompanied by a fee of $2 per team, should be sent to Mr D. T. Smith, Hon. Secretary, at the Harbour Office.

Signm Halstead, Royal Corps of Signals, who was reported for allegedly insulting a referee during the interval of a League match, was censured.

Chinese Selections For International Softball Series

The Chinese selection committee of P. K. Lau, Bill Woo and Kenny Wong have selected the following to represent China in the International Series:—

Girls	Position	Men
Dot Louie	Catcher	Nip Lum
Mary Ng	Pitcher	Herbie Quon
Rene Yuen	1st base	Ross Mark
Rosie Louie	2nd base	Luke Bunn
Gloria Mar	3rd base	Wally Ching
Lily Mar	shortstop	Hill Chang
Mary Mar	left field	Henry Ali
Virginia Chiu	centre field	P. F. Choy
Ulian Khoo	right field	Dick Chung
Doris Mar	Alternate	G. G. Lee
Alice Tsang	"	Hal Winglee
Alice Mar	"	Loong
Margaret Young	"	Howard Lee
Ella Chinn	"	

Grandpa Leung will manage both teams.

Charity Basketball

Two basketball games in aid of the Y.M.C.A. Relief Committee were staged yesterday at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Hongkong A.R.P. girls were defeated by the visiting Macao All Stars 26-30.

In the boys' game Hongkong Pai Ying School smashed the Macao All Stars 50-38.

Craigengower XI

The following will represent Craigengower Cricket Club in a Second Division League Cricket match against Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday at Cox's Road:

A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

SPORTS ADVT.

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The THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on **SATURDAY, 12th and MONDAY, 14th April, 1941,** commencing at 11.30 a.m. on both days.

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The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on both days.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 7th April, 1941.

Badminton Thrills At Kowloon C.C.

Championship Quarter-Finals

(By "Tinker")

EARLIER EXPECTATIONS that this year would see some of the finest badminton ever in the Colony Championships were partly realised in the Quarter-final matches at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night. I say "partly" because there is promise of more to come.

A glance at the scores below with the realisation that their closeness was coupled throughout with a remarkably high standard of play can only give a part picture of the thrills that attended the matches. In the Wong-Au v. Eardley-Smith match, the score was 14-all in the final game while service changed hands three times!

Scores in brief were:

JUNIOR SINGLES

T. S. Young beat N. L. Smith 15-8, 11-15, 15-12.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier beat P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu 11-15, 15-7, 18-17.

SENIOR DOUBLES

K. W. Choy and K. B. Low beat M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho 15-8, 15-5.

P. Wong and C. Au beat H C. Eardley and N. L. Smith 15-18, 15-10, 18-17.

T. S. YOUNG provided the surprise of the evening when he beat Smith in the Junior Singles. Smith, favourite for the title, was not up to standard, though it must be said that Young gave an inspired display, and in every respect was deserving of his win.

He matched Smith shot for shot and came out on top. For only a brief period in the third game did Smith's smash work well, and this was offset by the excellent placing of Young's returns.

Thrilling Doubles

THRILLS abounded in the Wong-Au v. Eardley-Smith match. Eardley played one of the finest games he has ever done to date in Hongkong and smashed with a brilliance that outshone anything that came over from the other side. But in between these shots, especially when moments were tense, he committed errors that would have had disastrous effect on a more temperamental player than Smith.

The latter was well in the picture during the closing stages of the second and throughout the final games. It was his second match of the evening, but it did not impair his agility, though if anything his earlier game had had the effect of putting him in his stride.

The shuttle flew back and forth with dizzying speed, and rallies despite this were often prolonged with shots that kept spectators on a continual verge of outburst.

Wong was not quite up to his usual form, and on several occasions hit into the net or outside the lines. But at crucial moments he and his partner rose to the occasion.

The End

THE FINAL GAME brought forth the greatness of all four players. Amid continuous applause the score levelled off at 13-all. It was setted at five, and then Wong and Au proceeded to run off four points before service changed hands.

This was the first of the great moments for the eventual losers. They took two points and then lost service again. But once more they secured service and scored another two points to make it 4-all!

Then three times service changed hands without a point being scored! And finally Wong and Au won when Eardley misjudged a shortish one at the net and completely missed the shuttle!!

Earlier Excitement

EARLIER excitement was in the Junior Doubles match in which Pereira and Xavier beat Leung and Chiu in three games.

Pereira was the man of this match, and was all over the court giving assistance to his partner who was sadly out of the picture. On the other side of the net, Chiu and Leung were extremely active, but lost quite a number of points through overexcitedness. Leung scored on several occasions with excellently placed drop shots.

Out-Played

M. A. OLIVEIRA and L. A. Carvalho were outplayed by the brilliance of K. W. Choy and K. B. Low. Choy was the controlling power of the winning combination, though he, too, on one occasion completely missed the shuttle His powerful smash was skilfully concealed and mixed up in a series of drop shots, and the deceptiveness with which he turns one into the other at the last moment had the Recreio pair often on the wrong foot.

Oliveira and Carvalho did as well as could be expected against a combination of this type, for K. B. Low was extremely agile and useful at the net.

Bad Decisions

There seemed to be a remarkable number of bad line decisions by the linesmen in these games last night. They occurred, too, frequently at vital moments.

One was in the Young-Smith game when Young was leading 3-0 in the second game. Service changed hands on a decision that was doubtful, to say the least, and instead of the score then being 4-0 in Young's favour, Smith took service and ran off five points before Young was able to recover.

The second was at the end of the second game in the Wong-Au v. Eardley-Smith match. Wong was leading 14-10 when the shuttle dropped over the line to give him game. He and his partner commenced to walk off the court, but the linesman gave the shuttle as in. Service changed hands, and there might have been a different story to tell, but Wong took the service back with two excellent smashes.

Another was in this same match in the third game. A line ball was given right—against Wong—and though it was early in the game, it apparently had the effect of throwing Wong out somewhat for he was then guilty of several bad smashes into the net.

"B" Division Play-off To-day

The champions of the "B" Division of the Badminton League will be decided to-night at the Club de Recreio at 8 p.m. when Chung Wah, winners of the "A" Section, meet St John's, winners of the "B" Section, in the final play-off.

New Softball Champions For 1940/41 Season

Recreio Aces Humbled By Powerful Saints

Gonsales' Great Pitching

(By "Ball Fan")

HERALDING the sensational rise of new Colony softball champions, the local ball season officially ended over the weekend in cold dismal weather. A fair crowd of rabid ball fans shivered through a perfect exhibition of errorless ball dished up by St Joseph's burly ballhawks in taking the senior loop pennant with a 3-0 victory over the rough riding Recs.

Abe Liu's Chinese Baseball Clubbers closed out their season in grand style with a well-timed win over a battling Filipino nine, 9-6, while the Lucas luminaries took a 9-6 win from Abbie Ablong's fighting Shell Oilers in an Inter-Hong confab.

ST JOSEPH'S slugging ballhawks, in coming through with a 3-0 win over the rough riding Recs, dished up a brand of ball which indicated to the utmost that they are in with the "class of champions".

Taking their first senior loop pennant since the inauguration of local softball, the power-clouting Saints played errorless ball behind the confident hurling lefty Frankie Gonsales.

The youthful Saint slab artist, jinxed for two years by Recreio's well-known Indian sign, had his control ball working to perfection, limiting the dangerous rough riding sluggers to two small bingles in a masterful shutout performance.

The champion's inside defence, called by many to be the "infield of infields", fairly sparkled with dazzling efficiency as they accepted twenty-five chances without a break in this all-important championship encounter.

Paced by the terrific clouting of Jindo Hussain, whose two doubles and a single highlighted a brilliant display dished up by the peppery outfielder, the champion Saints took the precious lead in the 2nd frame with a single tally, adding another run in the 3rd inning as George Sousa barged across the plate on Arturo Ozorio's classy single to right.

The winners tapered off with a final run in the 5th stanza as Sousa crashed home once more to start the rabid Saint fans roaring in championship frenzy.

The rough riding Recs, weakened by the loss of Eddie and A. V. Gosano, did not appear like the title-holding teams of old, in bowing out to a pennant-inspiring Collegian nine.

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ABE Liu's classy C.B.C. cohorts tallied five runs in a wild 5th inning scoring outburst to clinch the game from prexy Ildefonso's battling Filipino Clubbers 9-6.

For four torrid frames the Island boys had the Chinese Baseballers on the run, taking a 4-2 lead to send the Island hopes soaring, but the inability of the losers to counter the Chinese bunting threat sent Abe Liu's gang fluttering to victory in their final game of the year.

Chinese hurler Den Crary added to his strike-out record with nine cleancut whiffs, but in the cold damp setting found the old control slightly lacking to issue six free passes.

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IN the Inter-Hong opener, Kassa Nazarin's Lucas lads' took the Shell Oilers into camp 9-6. The gasselling gang had 5-1 lead in the 4th innings, but the winners cashed in with five tallies in their half of the stanza and added three more in the 6th as Bob Laurel, Baby Abbas and Skelly Raztack came sailing home with win-laden runs.

Sunday's Stars

Baby Abbas and Madeen Arculli, Lucas—Former led the winner's run attack, slashing out a terrifying triple and double besides coming home with three tallies; latter also played havoc with the slugging-wand making three clean bingles and driving in two runs.

Jindo Hussain and Frankie Gonsales, St Joseph's—Former's two dynamite doubles and single in a perfect day at bat paced the winner's in their championship game; Frankie shut out the rough riding Recs with two measly bingles to break a long-recorded jinx.

Victor Lim and Willie Wilson, C.B.C.—Victor tore around those bases in rabbit-like fashion to lead the stolen base aspirants with three well-timed efforts; latter led the C.B.C. sluggers with a double and single, and drove in a run.

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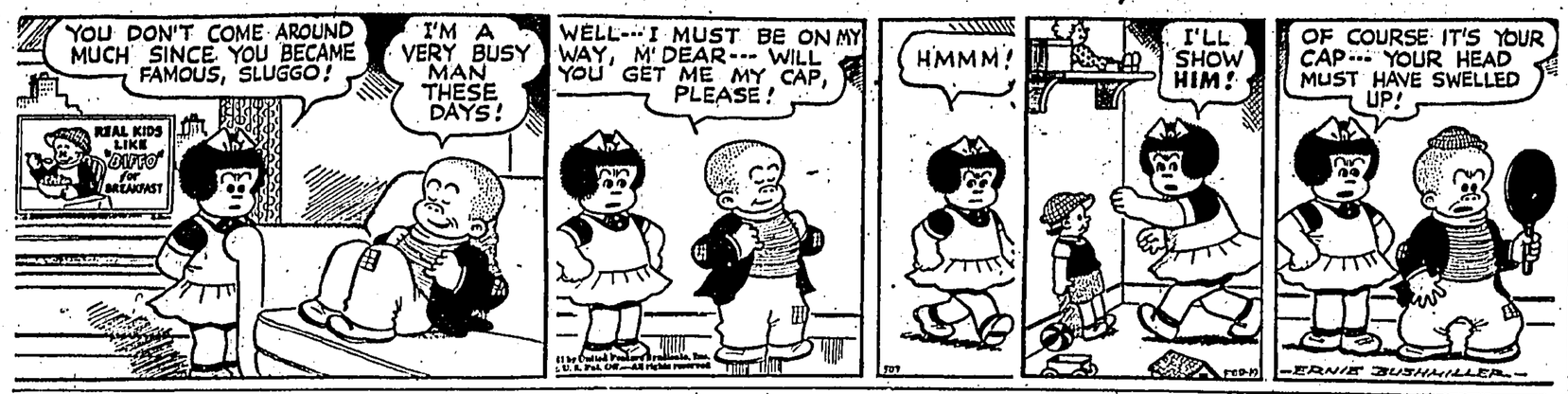
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Tributes To Chinese Envoy, Quo Tai-chi

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—"China is as determined to see things through until complete victory for democratic civilisation as Britain and America can be," declared Dr Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador, in London to-day. And no specious promises or military pressure can alter that fixed resolve."

Dr Quo was making his last public appearance in London before his return to China to become Foreign Minister. He was speaking at an Anglo-Chinese luncheon in aid of the Red Cross Fund and the Chinese War Relief Fund.

The returning Ambassador will be succeeded by Dr Wellington Koo. He remarked that he regarded his journey to China as simply going from one front to another in the same war.

A Tribute

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Few ambassadors have had so remarkable an experience as Dr Quo Tai-chi, says the "Manchester Guardian."

The struggles and tragedies at Geneva, the despoiling of China and Abyssinia, the rise of the Nazis, the "appeasement" convulsions leading to the new war—Dr Quo has seen them all and can apply the "lessons" as he sees them for China's benefit.

In the earlier years here, he saw many illusions shattered but he has remained in London long enough to see one great hope fulfilled—Britain and the United States together refusing, despite threats, to yield anything to Japanese aggression.

Dr Quo will work for Chinese unity and will uphold Chinese independence against all force and cunning and in Chungking as in London, will seek the things that make a tolerable world for us. If Dr. Wellington Koo succeeds him, China will be sending to London another of her most distinguished men.

Lot In Common

Dr Quo Tai-chi said that Britain and China had a lot in common. "The British and Chinese are supposed to be a bit hard to know. The British are supposed to be phlegmatic and the Chinese inscrutable; but when we come to know each other, responsiveness to human kindness is found to be the chief trait."

Britain and China have a lot to learn from each other though some said that they were two of the most satisfied and self-sufficient peoples that mankind had ever known and the least inclined to think that they could learn anything from anybody else.

Mexican Sympathy

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs has sent a message of sympathy with Greece and Yugo-Slavia to the Mexican Consul-General in London to-day.

The message says that Mexico has no diplomatic relations with Greece and Yugo-Slavia, but an official link is not required by two peoples for one to feel moved when the other is dragged into a conflict for the development of which it has no blame.

Danish Ships In U. S. Will Be Purchased

Request To Congress

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has enunciated his attitude towards ships of the Axis countries which were recently seized in American ports.

At a press conference to-day, the President declared that he would ask Congress on Thursday for legislation empowering the United States Government to purchase Danish ships in United States ports.

The step is taken with the acquiescence of the Danish Minister, Dr Henrik de Kauffman, who visited the White House earlier to-day.

The President placed the 30 Axis ships which were taken into protective custody in a different position from the 39 Danish ships similarly treated. The Axis ships could be taken over by "forfeiture," he said, while the Danish ships should be purchased outright instead of being acquired otherwise.

Getting Axis Ships

President Roosevelt implied that other forms of acquisition would apply to the German and Italian ships. He observed that some authorities thought that the right to sequester ships existed in the present state of "limited emergency."

The President also disclosed that the United States Treasury had put out $1,800,000,000 for the acquisition of defence materials and defence construction during the first quarter of 1941.

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U. S. STRIKES

Ford Will Negotiate

DETROIT, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—For the first time in its 38 years' life, the Ford Motor Company will negotiate directly with Labour Union officials. The negotiations will be the direct result of the strike at the company's gigantic River Rouge plant which is paralysing production.

As a result of the company's decision to negotiate, the Governor of Michigan issued a statement saying "the new developments towards the settlement of the strike at the Ford Motor Company is encouraging to all parties."

"Thief Of Bagdad" Offers Thrills

The magic carpet, a flying horse and an awe-inspiring genie appearing over a cloud of smoke. Those are some of the wonders of the "Thief of Bagdad" United Artists' technicolour film, which has been booked for a short season at the Oriental Theatre, beginning to-day.

This film broke all Box Office records in Singapore and Manila, while in Shanghai it played for 28 days to capacity houses, a short time ago it was shown at the King's Theatre, at roadshow rates. It was not surprising, therefore, that while full-houses were the order of the day then, many thousands of film fans missed the show.

Now the Oriental are offering the marvel of the Arabian Nights at slightly higher than their usual rates. Prices for the matinees will be 30c. for the lower floor and 50c. for dress circle, evening prices are 30c. 50c. 70c. $1.20 which includes the tax.

Thief of Bagdad is one of the most fantastic and mystifying of screen productions. The scene in which the flying horse gradually rises from the ground is reckoned to represent one of the smartest pieces of trick photography ever to have been achieved in Hollywood, while the meeting of little Sabu with the monster genie is, to say the least, thrilling to the extreme.

At the extremely low prices for this sensational show the Oriental will no doubt have capacity houses during the run of the picture.

Roosevelt's Message To King Peter

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has cabled King Peter of Yugo-Slavia assuring him of all possible material aid for Yugo-Slavia.

The President's message says that the people of the United States were profoundly shocked by the unprovoked and ruthless aggression on the people of Yugo-Slavia. He expresses admiration for the "courageous self-defence of the Yugo-Slav people, constituting one more shining example of their traditional bravery," and adds: "As I have assured Your Majesty's Government, the United States will speedily furnish all the material assistance possible in accordance with its existing statutes.

"I send Your Majesty my most earnest hopes for a successful resistance to this criminal assault upon the independence and integrity of your country."

Soviet Pact With Yugo-Slavia

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 8 Reuter).—The Russo-Yugo-Slav Pact has made a great impression in Berlin.

Political circles there are excitedly speculating on the reason for the Russian action which "is hardly likely to give Berlin the impression that Russia is particularly friendly," states the Berlin correspondent of the "Stockholm Tidningen."

Rumanian Oil

ISTANBUL, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Rumanian oil companies have stopped deliveries of lubricating oil to Turkey, reports the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

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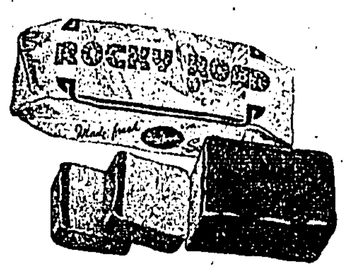
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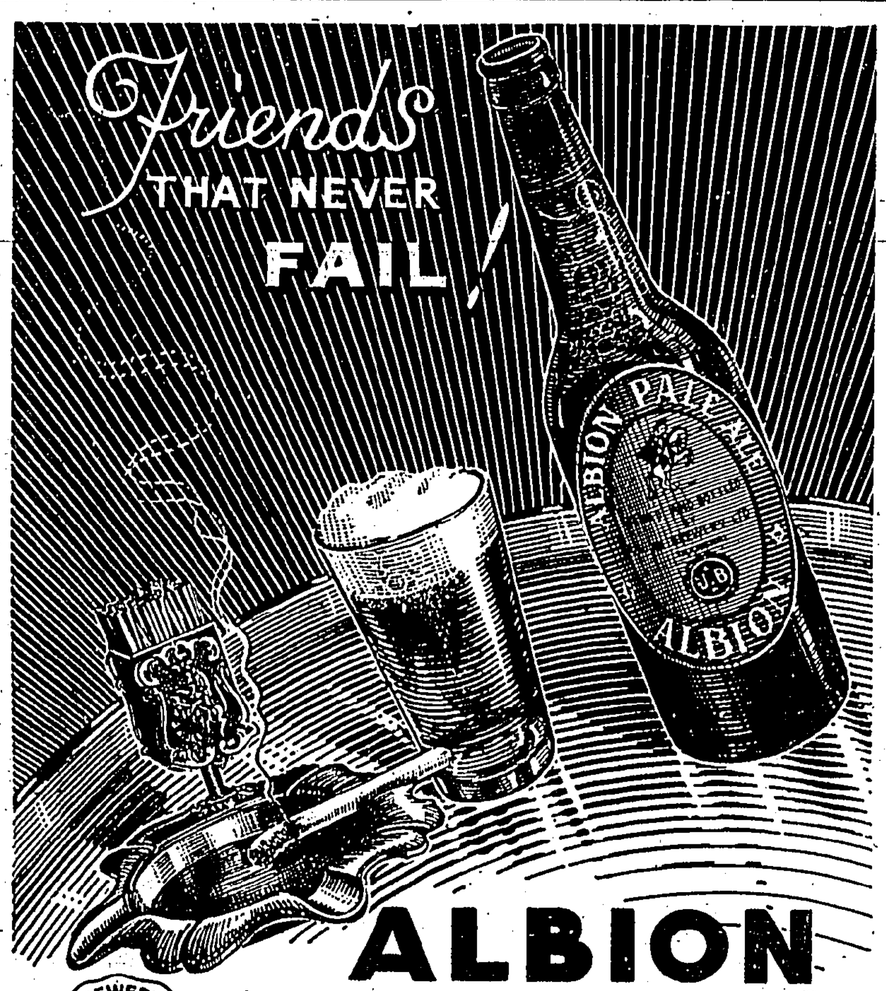
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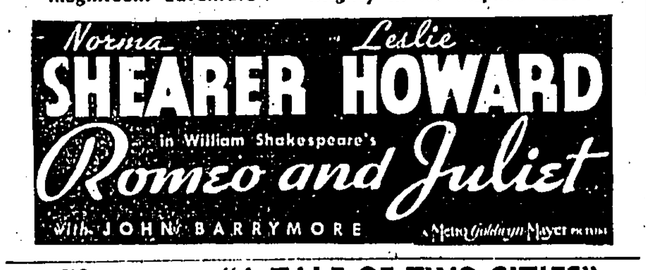
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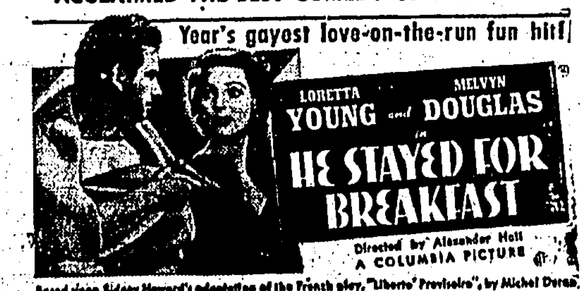
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NAZI STRATEGY IN BALKANS

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cut across it. In Yugo-Slavia, its width is limited by the capacity of the road, which is indeed small.

The Germans appear to have met with some initial success against the Serbs and in the circumstances this was to be expected. Exposed to the whirlwind attack of the Nazi mechanised forces, inadequately equipped with anti-tank weapons and unable to count on effective air support, the Serbians appear to have had a cruel baptism of fire. But they are tough and full of fight with marvellous recuperative powers. It is, therefore, too early to attach undue importance to the German claims.

Aims of Nazi Drives

ANKARA, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The main German drive against Yugo-Slavia is aimed at the vital communication centres of Nish and Skipoe in the hope of cutting the Yugo-Slav army in two, according to usually well-informed sources in Ankara.

Another push is being made from Petrich in the extreme south-western corner of Bulgaria, down the tributary of the Struma River towards Strumica, whence the Germans could thrust across the country towards the valley of the Vardar River.

These sources state that the German forces in Bulgaria consist of four groups. The first has headquarters at Svilengrad, on the Turkish frontier; the second is based on Kustendil near the Yugo-Slav frontier; the third in north-west Bulgaria; and the fourth is being held in reserve near Sofia.

The German air force is attacking Yugo-Slavia with two main air fleets operating from Rumania and Bulgaria.

British Invade Bulgaria

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tration near Strumica. Direct hits were registered in the centre of it.

Our fighters intercepted an enemy bomber, severely damaging it.

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No Mobilisation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Apr. 8 (UP).—A high official spokesman to-day denied foreign reports that a general mobilization had been ordered. He was of the opinion that the information was confused with the calling up of the Red Cross personnel.

Recalled

LONDON, Apr. 8 (UP).—The Dutch and Belgian Governments which are exiled here have recalled their diplomatic representatives from Budapest.

Kunming Heavily Bombed

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the Nanking-Hangchow Railway, according to Chinese press reports.

Heavy fighting is said to be in progress at Chapu in Northern Kiangsu facing Hangchow Bay, where the Japanese are reported to have suffered 500 casualties recently.

To subdue these guerilla forces, considerable numbers of Japanese troops are said to have been withdrawn from Shanghai with the result that many strategic points here are now defended by troops of the Japanese-sponsored Wang Ching-wei regime.

FRENCH SEA TRAFFIC

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of wine, meat, grain, peanut oil, fruit, fish, sugar, rum and cocoa.

He wanted to know what the British Government is doing to prevent such articles reaching the enemy.

Mr Hugh Dalton, Minister for Economic Warfare, was not prepared to accept all Mr le Mander's statement as accurate, but confessed that the state of affairs referred to gave ground for "grave dissatisfaction" and added that Britain in no degree waived her belligerent rights.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says:

Enquiries have slowed down and for the present little interest is shown in the market.

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ADDIS ABABA: NO INCIDENTS

NAIROBI, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Many Italian airmen were taken prisoner when the British Imperial troops occupied Addis Ababa, according to an official communique issued here today, which states, "following up the leading elements which entered Addis Ababa late the previous evening, the South African, East African and West African troops occupied the city on on April 6.

"There were no incidents, the Italian officers handing over the town with its essential services intact. A considerable number of prisoners, including many airmen, were taken. Operations in this area continue, and the enemy are being followed up on all fronts."

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Tremendous Battles For The Greek Valleys



By RICHARD MCMILLAN
Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, Apr. 8 (UP).—Royal Air Force fighters and bombers are aiding the Greeks to hold the mountain passes as the fury of the German attacks intensifies.

British bombers and machine-gunners have set their sights on the long lines of Panzer divisions which are filing through the valleys, particularly in the upper Struma Valley.

The British air attacks are extremely fierce as heavy reinforcements of the R.A.F. continue to pour into Greece.

ALL-DAY AIR BATTLES

Forts like Rupel and Vista which, as the communiques announce, are holding out against the heaviest assaults, are strong pillboxes dug into the wooded hillsides, and form part of the Metaxas Line which is manned by crack Greek troops whose motto is "Death rather than surrender."

British fighter planes throughout the day fought air battles, checkmating enemy planes dive-bombing the mountain forts, where the tactics of the battle of France are being repeated, the planes being employed as artillery while the tanks attempt to smash through the gaps and clear a way for the infantry.

The announcement of the evacuation of western Thrace was not a surprise, as this was part of the general plan envisaged for the hostilities in order to shorten the line, even though it gave the enemy a foothold on the Aegean Sea.

It is officially announced that the R.A.F. made heavy raids on enemy positions in Bulgaria, hitting vital points along the lines of communication, principally at Sofia, Gornadjumaya, Simtili, Patriarch and Strumica, machine-gunning and bombing enemy troops, convoys and rail stations.

British Army To Meet Nazi Shock Troops

The British army in the Balkans, strongly reinforced by tanks and all other units since the earlier contingents disembarked in Greece, is preparing to meet the Nazi shock troops as the enemy increases his efforts to break through the Macedonian mountains to the Aegean.

Greek advance elements and frontier guards are putting up a valiant fight against the Panzer

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Greeks Greeted In Albania

A new turn in the Albanian war is possible as a result of the reported invasion of the northern part of the country by Yugo-Slav troops. In the meantime, the Greeks continue to keep the Italians on the run in Albania. This picture shows Greek soldiers being welcomed by an Albanian notable on entering an Albanian village.



WAR SITUATION ASSESSED

Critical In Yugo-Slavia

By HARRISON SALISBURY
Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Apr. 8 (UP).—Hitler's blitzkrieg in southeastern Europe has swept across the narrow Macedonian area to the Aegean Sea and threatened to smash the Vardar Valley communication between Greece and Yugo-Slavia.

The push to the Aegean—reached by the Nazi troops at Alexandropolis and possibly other points—severed the direct communications between Greece and Turkey. The Vardar Valley threat, however, is more critical. The Germans are known to be within 15 miles of Vardar at Strumica, just north of the Greek-Yugo Slav border. German sources at Budapest reported, without confirmation, far more critical rumours that Nazi troops had smashed across from Bulgaria to occupy the south Yugo-Slavian rail centres of Nish and Skoplje.

Dangerous Possibilities

If the reported occupation of Skoplje and Nish is confirmed, the Yugo-Slavian situation may become quickly critical. From Skoplje the Germans could move straight down the Vardar Valley into Greece, possibly flanking the strong Greek-British defensive line which has been set up on a north to south front from the Vardar's crossing of the Greek frontier to the Gulf of Salonika.

Nish is equally important—only 125 miles south of Belgrade on the main rail line running north and south along this route, it would be in a position to control the southern end of Yugo-Slavia and effect a con-

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British Invade Bulgaria

Troops Penetrate Border, Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Apr. 8 (UP).—The Greek radio reports that British troops have penetrated Bulgarian soil and that the British Legation staff is leaving within 48 hours, via Russia.

Bombs On Bulgaria

ATHENS, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Heavy raids by formations of R.A.F. bombers on enemy positions in Bulgaria during the night of April 6 are reported in a communique issued by the headquarters of the British forces in Greece.

It says that a railway junction and marshalling yards in Sofia were attacked successfully, direct hits causing many fires and explosions in the railway yards and industrial area. Railway trucks were seen to be hurled into the air.

Lorries in the Struma Valley road were machine-gunned.

Another formation bombed the railway station at Gorna Djumaya, where fires were started.

At Simitli, the railway station and road junction, a motor transport convoy and troop concentrations were attacked. Bombs straddled the railway and road, exploding near some sheds and causing many fires. A motor transport convoy was successfully machine-gunned.

Petrich Raided

The town of Petrich was also raided by our bombers but the full results could not be observed owing to smoke from numerous fires in the area.

Yesterday in bad weather, our bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked a large motor transport concentration near Strumica. Direct hits were registered in the centre of it.

Our fighters intercepted an enemy bomber, severely damaging it.

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Confidence In Colony Defences

Communique By Sir R. Brooke-Popham

Confidence in Hongkong's defences and an appeal to the Colony to make its utmost contribution towards the British war effort was emphasised by Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham in a press communique issued to-day.

In the course of the communique, Sir Robert Brooke-Popham declares that Hongkong threatens no one, but the only way to ensure against attack in Hongkong is to convince any would-be attacker that such an operation would be too costly.

Allied Successes

The communique follows:

Since my last visit in January we have had many successes in the Mediterranean and Africa. In North Africa the proportion of enemy prisoners to our total casualties must constitute a world record; most of the so called Italian Empire of East Africa is in our hands; in the Eastern Mediterranean one of our fleets has recently sunk five Italian warships without sustaining any damage. During the last few days however events in the Balkans remind us that the war is not yet over and that in the same way as British people refused to be disheartened by the events in France in May and June last year, and faced apparent disaster with high spirit and calm resolution,

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Fire In Amoy

SHANGHAI, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—Eight perished in a fire in Amoy at midnight on March 29, a Chinese press report reveals.

Among the dead are said to be four Japanese, three Chinese policemen and one Korean.

More than $10,000,000 worth of property belonging to the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha and the O.S.K. is said to have been destroyed in the fire which is believed to have been started by incendiaries.

Essential For U.S. To Aid Democracies

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Apr. 8 (UP).—One of the strongest anti-Axis declarations to be made since the adoption of the aid to democracies policy was made to-day when a responsible Administration official said that the primary rights of the people of the United States were firstly to defend the democracy and secondly to uphold the principles of the Havana Conference.

He declared, "As we pondered the lessons of the first world war, our desire to remain at peace increased. But at the same time, our study of aggressor nations led us to realise that the greatest likelihood of remaining at peace is to make these ruthless treaty-breaking nations understand that the American people are ready for war if their rights are transgressed at any vital point.

"It is one of the rights of the American people to defend democracy by helping Great Britain, China, Yugo-Slavia and Greece to the limit with planes, ships, food and munitions.

"The second right is to defend a multi-lateral revision of the Monroe Doctrine as defined at the Havana Conference."

LATEST

BRITISH & GREEKS FALL BACK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Apr. 9 (UP).—The Greco-British forces are falling back lastily under the smashing German drive in the Vardar Valley to within 23 miles of Salonika, following the collapse of the Yugo-Slav resistance on the Greek left flank.

The High Command has admitted that the situation is grave.

The Greeks' main army of the north is forming a new defence line west of the Vardar Valley while shock troops are battling furiously to halt the panzer forces around Kilkis. The Greek army in Macedonia is reported to be frantically collecting war material and supplies for the abandonment of all that portion of Greece stretching 200 miles westward to Turkey at the top of the Aegean Sea.

The official spokesman said: "In the Struma Valley and on the Nevrokopi Plateau, the Germans are persistently and violently attacking with great forces, but the Greeks have succeeded in holding out with the greatest heroism. Heavy German artillery attacks and onslaughts by numerous planes and tanks were violently repulsed as the Greeks held the chain of fortifications in the neighbourhood of Rupel. The battle continues in a bloody manner."

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Latest Reports From Balkans War Front

Greeks Recapture A Position: Salonika Gravely Threatened

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Apr. 8 (UP).—According to a Greek war communique intercepted by the Columbia Broadcasting System, the Germans have "pushed dangerously in the direction of Salonika, and cut off communications with the Greek forces in eastern Macedonia."

(The broadcast indicated that perhaps German armoured units struck down either the Vardar Valley or the Struma Valley towards Salonika trapping the Greeks and perhaps some British forces who were holding the narrow "finger" of Thrace, east of Struma.)

Threat To Egypt Is Envisaged

By Eleanor Packard
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Apr. 8 (UP).—The lightning thrust of the Italian and German mechanized units towards the Egyptian-Libyan frontier is regarded here as the answer of the Axis to President Roosevelt's plan to send United States ships to the Red Sea.

With Derna captured, reports from Berlin say that the Axis have also taken Tobruk and many see that the British army has been weakened by sending troops to the Balkans and East Africa, and is unable to prevent the Italian and German columns from smashing across the Egyptian frontier.

Axis Objectives

The possibility of a serious threat to Cairo and the Suez Canal has caused reliable sources to declare that the British strategy in introducing European tactics in Africa is likely to prove a boomerang.

Although the Axis have not yet revealed their objectives, it is generally considered that they would not

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Apr. 8 (UP).—It is reported that Greek mountain forces trapped a Nazi mechanised force in a gorge northeast of Kommtine. The Germans were caught in the Greek cross-fire and wiped out. The Greeks fired from hidden mountain batteries.

In the Struma Valley, Greek shock troops counter-attacked and after fierce fighting threw back the Germans, re-taking a heavily fortified position which was lost on the previous day.

It is reliably reported that out of 120 German parachutists which landed behind the Greek-Thracian lines, 70 were captured, 20 to 25 killed and the rest are still at large, but are

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No More Mail Notices

The following communique has been issued by the Postmaster-General:

The issue of the Post Office Inward and Outward Mail Notices, except in the case of direct Air Mails, will be discontinued as from to-day, and no enquiries of any nature, i.e. personally, by telephone or by letter, as to the time of closing or receipt of any particular mail can be entertained.

Allied Retreat From Salonika Is Hinted

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Apr. 8 (UP).—Military quarters here declare that Salonika "may have lost some of its importance since the last war, because it is within close bombing range of the airfields in Bulgaria." This is construed in unofficial quarters as preparing the public for a possible Allied withdrawal from Salonika.

They said the British withdrawal of advanced troops in Cirenaica is proceeding and it was added that the "action is not necessarily finished" which is believed to mean that further retirement is possible.

The same quarters also said, "There is no confirmation of the report that the Germans have reached the Aegean Sea in western Thrace."

It was asserted that "Massawa is still holding out and the operations are still continuing. The British forces which took Keren are now split up, some working to the south towards Dessie and others towards Massawa."

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SOUTH CHINA WAR RELIEF

KWEILIN, Apr. 8 (Central News).—Mr Chu Ying-kwang, Vice-Chairman of the National Relief Commission, who is now on a tour of inspection to the war-affected areas in Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hunan and other provinces, arrived here this morning from Hengyang.

After a brief stay here during which he will inspect the various relief organs, Mr Chu will leave on Saturday for Nanning and other southern Kwangsi cities to supervise the execution of relief measures.

He will later proceed to Kiangsi on a similar mission.

Navicerts For Eire Cargoes

LONDON, Apr. 8 (British Wireless).—As from May 1, cargo navicerts will be required for all goods shipped to Eire from neutral territories outside the European zone, states the Minister of Economic Warfare.

This applies even if the goods are to be transshipped in the United Kingdom.

All vessels sailing direct to Eire from any neutral port will require ship navicerts which will be issued on the usual conditions.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 11th, 12th and 14th April, 1941. (Easter Holidays).

Hongkong, 7th April, 1941.

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

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The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

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New Police Chief Here

Mr J. P. Penefather-Evans, Hongkong's new Commissioner of Police, is now in the Colony.

Mr Penefather-Evans entered the Malayan Civil Service as a Police probationer in October, 1914, and was promoted Adjutant at Federal Headquarters in June, 1921. He was Acting Commandant of the Police Depot in March, 1924, and appointed a Superintendent of Police, Taiping, in April, 1926. Five years later he was appointed Acting Commissioner of Police, Kedah, and Superintendent of Straits Settlements Police in September, 1932.

He was Commandant of the Singapore Police Depot from December, 1934, to August, 1935, when he was appointed Director of the Special Branch. In June, 1938, he was appointed Acting Chief Police Officer Singapore and later became Commissioner of Police.

LONDON, Apr. 8 (British Wireless).—Mr P. W. Jewson has been returned unopposed as National Liberal M.P. for Great Yarmouth to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Arthur Harbourd.

R.A.F. Disrupt Nazi Panzer Divisions

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divisions which suffered heavy losses in tanks.

It is recalled that the Greeks are using many British anti-tank guns which are proving most effective in the battles for the mountain passes.

The German raids have not interfered with the regular passage of material and munitions for the British troops. Along the roads leading to the front, pass long lines of British big guns, munition trucks, food and other supplies while troops from the whole Empire, principally from the homeland, Australia and New Zealand are joining their comrades who have already taken up their positions.

Germans Advance

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—German troops are continuing their advance into Serbia "despite great destruction of the roads and very difficult country," states the German news agency to-night.

"Considerable war materials, including a large number of medium and heavy guns and motorised batteries, have been captured," it claims, adding that large quantities of infantry ammunition fell into the hands of the advancing troops during these operations.

Belgrade Casualties

VICHY, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Several hundred people were killed and about 3,000 were injured in two days and two nights of bombing attacks on Belgrade, according to a dispatch from Belgrade to the Vichy news agency.

The dispatch says that ministerial and industrial quarters, stations and the river port are in flames.

Germans Annihilated

LONDON, Apr. 8 (UP).—The "Exchange Telegraph's" correspondent at Athens reports that the military spokesman, amplifying last night's communique, declares that an important German column was ambushed and completely annihilated while attempting to penetrate Greek territory through a ravine, adding, "It was strewn with their dead."

Alexandropolis Falls

ISTANBUL, Apr. 8 (UP).—Greek diplomatic sources say the Germans have occupied Alexandropolis, cutting off communications between Turkey and Greece.

Fiume Evacuated

ZURICH, Apr. 8 (UP).—The most reliable diplomatic sources state that the Italians have completely evacuated Fiume.

Greeks Win Local Action

ATHENS, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Several hundred Germans attempting to move down the Nestos River in rubber boats were caught in the cross-fire of Greek forces and wiped out, reports the Athens correspondent of an independent French agency.

In yesterday's fighting, the German attacks were held, and the Greeks counter-attacked at several points. The Germans are carrying out wave attacks each lasting six hours, against the Perifori fort. The defending Greeks are outnumbered five to one.

The Germans succeeded once in getting a foothold in the fort but they were flung out after a violent struggle, states a Greek High Command communique.

Three attacks were made against the fort at Rupel, the last of which was very heavy. Each time the Germans were forced to withdraw.

Twelve German tanks were destroyed, and several prisoners taken when the attacks on the fort of Lisse were repulsed.

Elsewhere, motorised units were wiped out by the Greeks, adds the correspondent.

Rome Denial

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—It is emphatically denied in Rome that Yugo-Slav troops have occupied Fiume, Zara and Scutari, says the Rome radio.

Radio Resumes

BELGRADE, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Belgrade radio station resumed broadcasting to-night at 9.15 p.m. G.M.T. after being silent since the initiation of the German attack.

The announcer said that service would be resumed.

British Invade Bulgaria

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From all operations, all our machines returned safely.

No Mobilisation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Apr. 8 (UP).—A high official spokesman to-day denied foreign reports that a general mobilization had been ordered. He was of the opinion that the information was confused with the calling up of the Red Cross personnel.

Recalled

LONDON, Apr. 8 (UP).—The Dutch and Belgian Governments which are exiled here have recalled their diplomatic representatives from Budapest.

Threat To Egypt Is Envisaged

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be satisfied merely with re-taking Cirenaica, but would advance into Egypt as fast as possible. Should the British be driven from the Mediterranean coast of Africa, United States shipments to the Red Sea would not only be difficult, but it is felt that they could not affect the war in Europe.

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9.15 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
9.30 Humorous and Vocal Variety.
9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 Studio—Our letter from Free China.
10.15 Dance Music.
11.00 Close Down.

LOCAL ESTATE

Administration Order

Instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan, Mr George She brought a motion relating to the granting of letters of administration on behalf of Chan Yun-lan, cited as Plaintiff, before His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning. Wu Kiang-kwong, Wu Wing-hong and Wu Ching-mei were cited as defendants but the motion was not contested.

The motion related to the goods of Li Sau-wah late of No. 1 Shin Hing Street, second floor, described as a concubine, deceased, and that letters of administration to the estate of Li be granted to the Plaintiff.

Mr She said that on behalf of Plaintiff he was moving that letters of administration be granted her from the estate of Li Sau-wah who died on September 19, 1939. One of the grounds for the motion was that the Plaintiff was a creditor of Li, the deceased.

Did Not Appear

Mr She agreed with His Lordship that another ground for the motion was that the husband and children were taking no steps to administer the estate. These three people were entitled to the estate and they had been cited but had not appeared at the citation although it was duly served on them.

His Lordship remarked that he could see that the Plaintiff was in possession of title deeds to what appeared to be virtually the whole of the estate.

His Lordship granted the motion, saying that as no steps had been taken in the last 18 months in the direction of obtaining administration by those who normally had charge of that duty, the Plaintiff as a creditor of the deceased woman was entitled to the grant of the letters.

Greeks Recapture A Position:

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being searched out. Sixty German infantrymen were captured on the same front.

Zurich Report

ZURICH, Apr. 8 (UP).—The official German news agency's correspondent at Sofia asserted that prisoners reaching Sofia had said that the Serbian defence lines have been destroyed by tanks. Many of the prisoners were terrified by the Stuka attacks.

Nazi Claims

BERLIN, Apr. 8 (UP).—The High Command to-day claims that the German advance is continuing successfully on the Serbian and Greek fronts despite the great difficulties of the terrian and the destroyed road communications.

The enemy resisted stubbornly in the Balkan fighting but the German air force, despite unfavourable weather, carried out "rolling attacks" by day against military objectives and the fortress at Belgrade. New big fires were observed at the main railway station in Belgrade.

War Situation Assessed

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tact with the Italians in Albania, threatening to split the Yugo-Slav defences into two parts.

German sources in Berlin believe the rumours that they had captured Skoplje might have arisen from the heavy air attacks on the town by the Luftwaffe. There are no reports from Yugo-Slavia regarding the situation. No direct news dispatches have come from Yugo-Slavia since last Saturday evening.

Yugo-Slav Communique

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—A Belgrade radio broadcast of the High Command communique to-night states "on all fronts the situation is in our favour. Enemy attacks have been repulsed with the greatest vigour. This is even admitted by the enemy wireless station. Heavy losses have been inflicted on the enemy. Our air force has achieved special distinction in encounters."

SEIZURE OF AXIS SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Germany has sent a new note to the United States reinforcing her protests against the seizure of German merchantmen, according to an announcement by Mr Cordell Hull

Mexican Action

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MEXICO CITY, Apr. 8 (UP).—It is officially announced that Mexico is notifying the Italian and German Governments that she is seizing their ships in Mexican ports for commercial use.

China Tea Company

CHUNGKING, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—Mr Shou Ching-wei, Managing Director of the China Tea Company, which controls China's exports of tea, has resigned.

The Managing Directorship will be taken over by Mr Li Tai-chu assuming the new duties on April 16.

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Canton River Closed Till Saturday

A notice issued by the Canton Military Authorities states that the Pearl River will be closed to traffic from to-day to Saturday. No reason for the closure is given.

The sailing of the O.S.K. steamer Shirogane Maru for Canton to-morrow has been cancelled.

Further information has been received by Messrs Butterfield and Swire, agents for the Fatshan, from Canton, and the steamer will now be leaving for Canton on Sunday.

Easter Soccer Matches at Home

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Football matches on Easter Monday will be as follows:

LONDON CUP
Brentford v. Queen's P.R.; Crystal Pal. v. Aldershot; Tottenham v. Reading.

LEAGUE, SOUTH
Brighton v. Southampton; Norwich v. Luton; Portsmouth v. Southend.

REGIONAL, SOUTH
Chelsea v. Arsenal; Westham v. Watford; Millwall v. Fulham; Northampton v. Stoke.

REGIONAL, NORTH
Barnsley v. York; Bolton v. Burnley; Everton v. Blackpool; Halifax v. Blackburn; Leeds U. v. Bury; Manchester C. v. Manchester U.; Rochdale v. Oldham; Rotherham v. Huddersfield; Sheffield W. v. Sheffield U.; Southport v. Liverpool; Stockport v. Bradford C.; Tranmere v. Preston; Wrexham v. Stoke.

REGIONAL MATCHES
Bradford v. Mansfield; Chesterfield v. Notts C.; Leicester v. Lincoln.

Confidence In Colony Defences

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so now we must maintain a balanced judgment and not be carried away by success.

Admiral Cunningham and his men are not going to rest content with sinking three cruisers and after the Italian fleet has been disposed of there will remain many German ships to be sunk or otherwise destroyed. Hard fighting awaits us in Greece and our aeroplanes do not yet fly unmolested on the Rhine. This is no time to put on our coats, as the President of the U.S.A. said a few days ago, this is no part time war; until we have eradicated Hitler and his gangsters, and so saved the world from disaster, we may not rest nor relax.

Hongkong's Defences

Hongkong threatens no one—nor only the strong have friends. The only way that we can ensure against attack in Hongkong is to convince any would-be attacker that such an operation would be too costly.

Our first duty, therefore, is to ensure that all defence preparations are so maintained as to be ready at any moment to work at the highest degree of efficiency. The defences are already strong; much has been done and all credit is due to those responsible, but we must never rest satisfied with the stage that the preparations have reached. What everyone must remember is that defence is not the concern merely of a Navy, an Army and an Air Force. No place can be considered as being adequately protected unless every man and woman takes his or her full share in active or passive defence. During my two visits to Hongkong I have been very pleased to find that the civil and military authorities are in full co-operation and that all sections of the community are working together admirably.

Fullest Contribution

Secondly, we must ensure that every possible contribution is being made to assist other parts of the Empire and our Allies and that every resource available locally is being used to its fullest extent. Here again much is being done and I was very pleased to see on my arrival a new ship already launched.

Thirdly, we must reduce by every possible means demands for shipping tonnage to leave it free for conveyance of food and munitions to places more hardly pressed. Remember that people in England are on strict rations of such things as sugar, tea, butter and jam; that women and children are being subjected to more than mere discomfort by air attacks. Every pound of imported goods you can spare means more space available to provide urgent necessities elsewhere.

Here is a question that everyone should be continually asking himself or herself 'Is there any more that I can do to help on the war effort?' No nobler cause than that for which the British Empire is now fighting has ever inspired mankind. Let us ensure that we go to sleep each night secure in the knowledge that during the day we have made our full contribution towards the struggle, confident that should the call come we shall not be found wanting, believing that when the final triumph over the forces of evil has been achieved we shall be able to rest content in the knowledge that as we shared in the toil and sacrifice so we are entitled to share in the glory of victory.

Objects of Visit

Since his last visit to Hongkong, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief, Far East, has been to Australia where he has seen at first hand the impressive increase in production of Australian aeroplanes and other war material. From what he there saw of the Australian forces in training, it does not surprise him that the Australian brigade which recently landed in Singapore has very quickly made friends with the Chinese population of Malaya; in proof of the reality of this friendship the Malayan Chinese have erected a special tea garden for the benefit of the Australian troops who are stationed near their homes.

The Commander-in-Chief devoted his first trip to Hongkong to the task of becoming generally acquainted with the terrain and to the discussion of the problems of the Colony's defence: during his second trip he has welcomed the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the personnel, both civil and military, charged with the administration of Hongkong. During his stay, for example, he has had tea with the Indian officers of the garrison, attended a meeting of the Rifle Association, inspected two very smart companies of Chinese Royal Engineers, and had the chance of seeing at first hand the work of many of the civil defence departments.

And he was particularly pleased to have the opportunity of lunching with leading representatives of the local Chinese community.

He has observed with considerable satisfaction the progress that has been made in Hongkong since his last visit. Although much still remains to be done, much has been and is being achieved: he looks forward to evidence of continued improvements on his next visit to Hongkong.

Blitz On British West Country Town

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 9 (UP).—A Western town is apparently bearing the brunt of the raids to-night. Thousands of incendiary bombs were scattered over the town and the surrounding area while high explosive bombs were dropped by the following waves of raiders.

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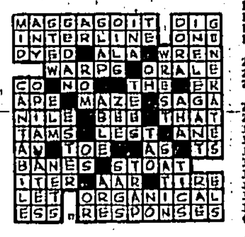
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Outdoor game
5—Abode of dead
10—Suppose
14—Egg-shaped
15—Apart
16—Town in Nevada
17—Ill-mannered
18—Male of red deer
19—State of tranquillity
20—Independent Moslem commander
22—A single
23—Hell
24—Human figure in marble
26—Piece of refuse
27—Exist as
29—Human being
30—Girl's name
31—Residence (abbr.)
34—South American country
37—Approaching maturity
40—In inclined position
42—Sick
43—One who devours
44—Vote by people on proposed law
47—Prefix: half
48—Golf mound
49—Unit of energy
50—Female pig
52—River in Livonia
53—Device for agitating air
54—Begins
57—Proved rain
60—Ban
61—Fermenting agent
64—Linger
65—Kind of gem

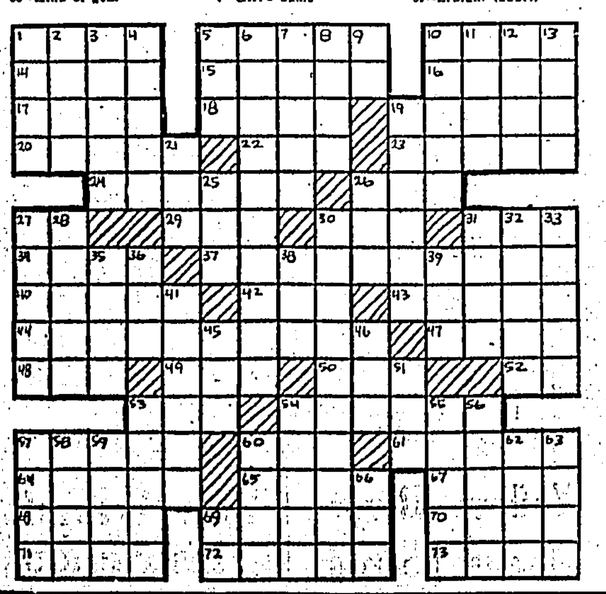
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



67—Pipe like chicken
68—Chief of gods
69—Choicest part
70—Holy picture
71—Writing instruments
72—Wild West show
73—Performance

DOWN

1—Wedge-shaped piece
2—Cell formed in ovary
3—Puts burden on
4—Collection of ships
5—Possesses
6—Stupefying
7—Girl's name
8—Rim
9—Selenium
10—Apply special process to
11—Scan
12—At one time
13—Troubles
19—Peculiar habit of language
21—Male goat
25—Brew
26—Suffix denoting direction
27—Separated
28—Affray
30—Adorn with pictures
31—Network
32—Medicinal liquid
33—Narrow streak
35—Abundant
36—Employ
38—Aged
39—Vulgar fellow (col.)
41—Agreement between nations
45—Bird of prey
46—Extinct bird of New Zealand
51—Contorted
53—Flowerless plants
54—Refinable
55—Moderately warm
56—Food dressing
57—Salt
58—Receive cargoes
59—Ireland
60—Philippine cutlass
62—Plum-like astringent fruit
63—Exert influence in certain direction
66—One of thirteen popes
69—Erbium (abbr.)



PAPAL BROADCAST

ROME, Apr. 8 (Reuter)—The Pope will broadcast a short message on Easter Sunday at mid-day (G.M.T.) before giving the benediction Urbi et Orbi.

No Easter Functions

LONDON, Apr. 8 (British Wireless).—A statement from the Vatican on the Easter Sunday broadcast, states that "this year the Holy Father will not come down for any solemn functions in St. Peter's on Easter Sunday."

RUSSIAN OIL FOR GERMANY

LONDON, Apr. 8 (British Wireless).—The Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr Hugh Dalton, stated in the House of Commons to-day that information shows that very little if any oil has reached Germany from Russia since March 1, but that it is premature to draw conclusions that this traffic has been stopped.

OUR GREAT NEW ARMY—10

Now they love their iron horses

By H. V. MORTON

A LIEUTENANT with the face of his sister came over to the ante-room fire and lit a cigarette. It had been whispered to me that this child had performed fearless deeds in France with the cavalry tanks.

He talked to me about modern war in a cold, dispassionate way. It was positively hair-raising to hear such a gentle, lady-like young man describe horrors without a trace of emotion.

He might have been describing a vicarage tea party. His was the voice, and his the eyes, of a disillusioned generation.

"It beats me why people in this country haven't been told some of the filthy tricks the Germans played on the French civilians," he said. "I should have thought it would have been good stuff for our Ministry of Information; but I suppose it's not gentlemanly enough for them.

"Tough Guys"

"You know that tanks lie up at night in what we call harbours, generally a lonely wood or a little village. The German tank crews are taught to go without food and drink for a whole day, sometimes longer. They like doing it, too. Tough guys—you know the idea?

"Well, the consequence is that, when night comes, they are hungry as wolves. They find a harbour, stuff their bellies till they can hardly move and go to sleep. That's the time for the Home Guard to get them; but France hadn't got a Home Guard.

"Now what happened more than once was this. A few German tanks would arrive in a lonely village just as it was getting dark. The villagers would gather round and stand about watching them.

"Suddenly, without warning, a light automatic would be turned on them, killing perhaps five and wounding maybe seven, and the rest would rush away and lock their doors.

"Then, having deliberately terrorised the village—locked it up with fear, so to speak, for the night—the Germans would post one sentry over the dead and dying and—go to sleep. Lovable people, the Jerries. . . ."

Cavalry To-day

It had stopped raining, and he took me out to look at the tanks.

The regiment was a crack cavalry regiment that has been charging through English history for the last three centuries.

Just to mention the name of this regiment or to see it in print, is to have a mental picture of cavalry in line, neck to neck, galloping all out, the horses with distended nostrils, and the troopers, some bareheaded, leaning forward with drawn sabres. That has been the function of the regiment in war since it was formed long ago.

Now you will find these cavalrymen, well hidden in the English countryside, tending a number of big, muddy monsters, from whose turrets protrude guns.

"Done Proud"

We saw a number of heavy armoured chargers being groomed in a pine wood.

A young troop officer came up, the same kind of young man who in former days would have been walking the horselines in riding-boots and spurs; now he wore battle-dress.

Like most of the regiment, he had been in France, fighting in a tank from the moment of landing until the evacuation. He described to me the tragedy of having to retreat, leaving all vehicles and equipment on the other side.

"But now we're re-equipped to the last button," he said, "and much better equipped than we were when we went out. The W.O. has done us proud. Look at our new tanks! They're beauties."

(Good heavens, I thought, this is how men used to talk about horses! He'll be asking me to run my hand down the mechanical equivalent of a hock.)

"I'll tell you one thing," he went on. "Our new tanks are about 50 per cent. better than those we left in France. They contain all sorts of improvements suggested by our experiences out there. So, if Jerry comes over, we'll be waiting for him. . . ."

As we climbed over the tanks and squeezed our way into them, I felt for the first time that there is a queer new romance about mechanised war, and, oddly enough, it links up with the old romance of the armoured knight.

The young men who venture into peril in a modern tank have more in common with the knight in plate armour who thundered across the battlefields of the Middle Ages than they have with the infantry of even the last war.

Modern Knights

What was an armoured knight but the answer of defence to attack; first the knight in chain mail protecting himself against the shaft of the long-bow, then the more heavily armoured knight protecting himself against the musket ball. And what is the tank but an answer to the machine gun?

It was the machine gun that abolished the cavalry charge, just as it created the tank: an armoured monster designed at first only to cross trenches and batter down barbed wire entanglements in the face of machine gun fire.

If the tank had stayed in the stage of development it had reached, say, at Cambrai during the moment of its first great triumph, it might still have remained just that: a great battering ram.

But it did not stay there. It added speed to armour, and no sooner had it done so than the lancers, the dragoons, and the hussars were fated to make their last charge—a gallop out of modern warfare.

I think mechanised cavalry are perhaps the most interesting section of the Royal Armoured Corps, because they are converted conservatives; diehards who have been obliged to accept the inevitable tendencies of a new age.

A mounted cavalry soldier, even in a desert, has now become as archaic as a cab-driver or as one of those Victorias which might be seen before the War in Hyde Park: picturesque, romantic, good to look upon, bringing into this dull age a little colour from another world, but, after all, definitely out of date.

I wondered what the younger generation of cavalrymen really think about mechanisation. Do they mourn their lost chargers, or are they content to charge on wheels and tracks?

"Have you any men who were in the regiment before mechanisation?" I asked.

They passed the word along for Sergeant Brown.

"Do you prefer machines to horses?" I asked him.

Regrets?—No!

Rather to my astonishment, for it was not the reply I had expected, Sergeant Brown spoke as follows:

"Every time," he said. "I look at it like this. In the old days it was always stables, feeding, watering, burnishing bits and bridles and cleaning saddles. A trooper's life was one long fatigue.

"But now we're mechanised, we don't have to take the tanks out to water, or feed them, or shine them up with a burnisher. That's one thing; and it's a big thing, because it means that a cavalryman in modern war has got to be something more than a groom.

"Then there's another thing. Take cavalry in the last war. Was it messed about? Was it chucked into the line dismounted, neither one thing nor the other? It was, simply because you couldn't use cavalry.

'Give Me Tanks'

"Also, let me say this: No one who's fond of horses will shed a tear because they don't go into action. A cavalry charge in the old days wasn't what pictures crack it up to be. Not by a long way.

The sound of horses screaming, and the sight of them lying about blown to pieces wasn't anything to boast about; and one of the sights that I didn't take over there last Summer was French and Belgian cavalry with their horses hardly able to move and the saddles sticking to their backs. No? Give me tanks."

I was told that probably the majority of the younger men in the mechanised cavalry think like that. Many of them became sick of a cavalryman's life in the years before mechanisation, when the cavalry was starved while the War Office made up its mind what to do with it.

The result was that regiments fell below strength, and every man found himself responsible for three and four horses. To such men the arrival of tanks came as a welcome relief from the bondage of perpetual stables.

Same Spirit

But the cavalry is not dead, because the "cavalry spirit" lives on in the mechanised regiment. The function of cavalry tanks is the same as that of mounted cavalry. They require all the speed and dash which made them famous in the old days.

"You'd be surprised to know how little we have really changed," said one of the officers. "This kind of war is really a cavalry war, a war of movement and surprise."

So the spirit that has always animated the British cavalry directs the tanks. The cavalry has been remounted on iron horses.

NEXT: Measuring Men's Minds

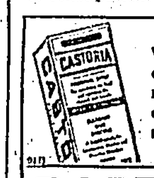
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BRITAIN'S BUDGET

Sir Kingsley Wood's 1941-42 war budget, so grimly realistic, yet revealing once again the astonishing elasticity of Britain's finances, is sufficient to turn Hitler green with envy, should that smug, self-complacent man bother to study the figures. The essential features are that Britain is not only going to the fullest lengths possible to pay for the war as it progresses, but is also providing for the important post-war period when a nation's resources are usually at its lowest ebb. Under the 1941-42 budget, Britain is to start building a sinking fund which is to guarantee her economic and social security when the days of peace are here again.

For his previous war budgets, Sir Kingsley Wood was accused of lacking boldness and vision. This accusation can no longer be made. It is doubtful if anything more sweeping or comprehensive in the way of obtaining required additional revenue could have been suggested than his increased income tax which operates from one end of the scale to the other. It means that the nation, to a man, is to make his contribution towards ultimate victory.

The knowledge of the new sacrifices to be made by the people of England must surely stimulate Hongkong to accept, with greater readiness and humility, the comparatively slight calls upon our purse-strings. And it should set an example to those who have been guilty of evading, or attempting to evade, their duty in respect of contributing to the Empire's war effort. In comparison we are very lightly taxed; by the same comparison our giving has not been made with that willingness and cheerfulness which so characterises the people at Home and elsewhere. Those millions of people, who are in the front line of the battle, not only for Britain, but for Democracy, have set a new standard of "giving till it hurts". Let Hongkong do likewise.

NAZI STRATEGY IN BALKANS

Seek To Drive A Wedge

(By "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, Apr. 8.—The statement in the Greek official communique that the Yugo-Slavs had fallen back on the Greek left wing, leaving it "uncovered," suggests that the Germans are pursuing the same strategy in the Balkans as in France where their drive against the "hinge" of the French and Belgian lines forced a wedge between the north and south Allied armies with results which the world knows.

It would seem that the Germans are now attempting to establish themselves between the Greeks and the Yugo-Slavs by a lateral thrust along the Strumitza Valley which, if successful, would give access to the Vardar Valley.

Link With Italians

It might even be pushed to the Albanian borders so as to link up with the Italians.

But conditions in France were very different from those prevailing in Yugo-Slavia to-day. In France not only were there magnificent roads which made travel and transport easy but food and petrol were available at every village and at every cross-road.

In Southern Serbia, the roads are little better than tracks and both petrol and supplies will have to be carried with the advance.

Size of Wedge

Also, in France the wedge formed was so wide and strong that it was proof against the Allied attempts to cut across it. In Yugo-Slavia, its width is limited by the capacity of the road, which is indeed small.

The Germans appear to have met with some initial success against the Serbs and in the circumstances this was to be expected. Exposed to the whirlwind attack of the Nazi mechanised forces, inadequately equipped with anti-tank weapons and unable to count on effective air support, the Serbians appear to have had a cruel baptism of fire. But they are tough and full of fight with marvellous recuperative powers. It is, therefore, too early to attach undue importance to the German claims.

Aims of Nazi Drives

ANKARA, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The main German drive against Yugo-Slavia is aimed at the vital communication centres of Nish and Skipoe in the hope of cutting the Yugo-Slav army in two, according to usually well-informed sources in Ankara.

Another push is being made from Petrich in the extreme south-western corner of Bulgaria, down the tributary of the Struma River towards Strumica, whence the Germans could thrust across the country towards the valley of the Vardar River.

These sources state that the German forces in Bulgaria consist of four groups. The first has headquarters at Svilengrad, on the Turkish frontier; the second is based on Kustendil near the Yugo-Slav frontier; the third in north-west Bulgaria; and the fourth is being held in reserve near Sofia.

The German air force is attacking Yugo-Slavia with two main air fleets operating from Rumania and Bulgaria.

Danish Ships In U. S. Will Be Purchased

Request To Congress

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has enunciated his attitude towards ships of the Axis countries which were recently seized in American ports.

At a press conference to-day, the President declared that he would ask Congress on Thursday for legislation empowering the United States Government to purchase Danish ships in United States ports.

The step is taken with the acquiescence of the Danish Minister, Dr Henrik de Kauffman, who visited the White House earlier to-day.

The President placed the 30 Axis ships which were taken into protective custody in a different position from the 30 Danish ships similarly treated. The Axis ships could be taken over by "forfeiture," he said, while the Danish ships should be purchased outright instead of being acquired otherwise.

Getting Axis Ships

President Roosevelt implied that other forms of acquisition would apply to the German and Italian ships. He observed that some authorities thought that the right to sequester ships existed in the present state of "limited emergency."

The President also disclosed that the United States Treasury had put out $1,600,000,000 for the acquisition of defence materials and defence construction during the first quarter of 1941.

Transfer Planned

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day said he has authority to take over the seized Italian ships but will ask Congress for specific authority to take over 39 Danish ships.

The President conferred with the Danish Minister, Mr Kauffman, and it is believed they discussed the seizure of the ships. They will, it is reported, be chartered to United States operators, releasing an equal amount of United States tonnage to Britain.

It appeared possible to-day that the President expects to sell the Lend and Lease vessels to Britain and replace them with the Danish vessels.

Japanese Suicide In Bombay

BOMBAY, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—A verdict of suicide was recorded at the inquest into the death of Hiroji Uemura, manager of the Bombay branch of the N.Y.K., who was found dead at his residence.

It was revealed at the inquest that the body was discovered hanging in the bath-room in the flat occupied by Uemura.

The doctor also deposed that it was a distinct case of hanging.

Evidence with regard to the reasons for suicide were not submitted and the Coroner, addressing the jury, said that the law did not require them to find out anything more than this.

The Coroner added: "We have nothing to do with the question of why he committed suicide."

The jury unanimously returned a verdict of suicide by hanging.

Offices Searched

Enquiries revealed that two Parsi employees of the N.Y.K. were arrested under the Defence of India Rules a few days ago on a charge of collection of shipping information useful to the enemy, following which the Police searched the N.Y.K. office on Saturday.

The late Mr Uemura about ten years ago served as Sub-Manager of the N.Y.K. in Hongkong, remaining here for about three years.

FRENCH SEA TRAFFIC

M.P.'s Allegations

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Striking allegations about trade between France and her colonies were made by the Liberal member, Mr Geoffrey le Mander, in the House of Commons to-day.

In a question, he suggested that the weekly crossings between France and Africa average 70;

that ships pass Gibraltar from Dakar, Morocco, Indo-China and the Antilles largely unchallenged;

and that imports between October and February amounted to many tons of wine, meat, grain, peanut oil, fruit, fish, sugar, rum and cocoa.

He wanted to know what the British Government is doing to prevent such articles reaching the enemy.

Mr Hugh Dalton, Minister for Economic Warfare, was not prepared to accept all Mr le Mander's statement as accurate, but confessed that the state of affairs referred to gave ground for "grave dissatisfaction" and added that Britain in no degree waived her belligerent rights.

"Thief Of Bagdad" Offers Thrills

The magic carpet, a flying horse and an awe-inspiring genie appearing over a cloud of smoke. Those are some of the wonders of the "Thief of Bagdad" United Artists' technicolour film, which has been booked for a short season at the Oriental Theatre, beginning to-day.

This film broke all Box Office records in Singapore and Manila, while in Shanghai it played for 28 days to capacity houses, a short time ago it was shown at the King's Theatre, at roadshow rates. It was not surprising, therefore, that while full-houses were the order of the day then, many thousands of film fans missed the show.

Now the Oriental are offering the marvel of the Arabian Nights at slightly higher than their usual rates. Prices for the matinees will be 30c. for the lower floor and 50c. for dress circle, evening prices are 30c. 50c. 70c. $1.20 which includes the tax.

Thief of Bagdad is one of the most fantastic and mystifying of screen productions. The scene in which the flying horse gradually rises from the ground is reckoned to represent one of the smartest pieces of trick photography ever to have been achieved in Hollywood, while the meeting of little Sabu with the monster genie is, to say the least, thrilling to the extreme.

At the extremely low prices for this sensational show the Oriental will no doubt have capacity houses during the run of the picture.

Chungking Attache

CHUNGKING, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—Major James McHugh, Assistant U.S. Naval and Air Attache, has been promoted Naval and Air Attache, the U.S. Embassy has officially announced.

Major McHugh is succeeding Captain John M. Creighton.

Serial Story

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Chapter III

THE everchanging mania of Madame la Duchesse was again in the tearful stage. "Don't leave me, Theo!" she sobbed, "I *must* talk to you! If I promise never again to torment you with my anger and unreasoning mistrust of that—*that woman*—won't you try to love me as you once did! Please, please, Theo! I beg of you!"

The Duke, already late for an appointment at the House of Peers, and exasperated beyond measure by his wife's vagaries, left the room without replying. It maddened her. "Oh, how I hate him," she shrieked, "how I loathe him!" A black-robed figure glided from the shadows a thin hand caressed her hair. "Have patience, child," the Abbe Gallard murmured, "and you will be rewarded!"

"You know, I presume," the Duchess began icily," that the Duke and I are going to Corsica this afternoon!" She said the words, 'the Duke and I,' gloatingly, then added apologetically, "Of course, Mademoiselle, any mother has a right to come first in her own house, with her own children, and surely with her husband!"

"Truly, Madame, no other thought has ever been in my mind, and I assure you I will be more careful in the future!"

"The future," sighed the Duchess, "ah, yes . . . who knows!"

The Duke did go to Corsica with his wife and son. In a few days, however, he came back to Paris with the boy, and with Louise, who ostensibly had a toothache. Louise had often begged her father to take her to the theatre, and since Mlle.



Sunlight outside—and the garden in bloom!

The fragile Raynald had developed a heavy cold but in spite of the objections of Mlle. Henriette, the Duchess took him for a drive in the chill spring air. Such a desperate illness ensued that the doctor ordered windows closed and room darkened and the Duchess summoned the Abbe Gallard to administer the last rites of the Church.

The garden was in bloom and Mlle. Henriette took it upon herself to open the windows and let the child see the sunlit world. The Duchess stormed, but Raynald, as if by a miracle, got well.

During the sickness of Raynald his sisters had been sent to Corsica to the home of their grandfather, the Marechal Sebastiani, and now the boy was to be sent there. Madame la Duchesse, in another mood, sent a letter to the governess, enclosing a brooch, *"May this small token,"* the missive read, *"ask your indulgence toward one who has been too cruelly hurt to inflict like pain on another."*

Mlle. Henriette hastened to the great lady to thank her. Henriette, finally confessed that she herself had never seen the great Rachel act—the Duke insisted that she go with himself and Louise.

When King Louis Philippe bowed to them from his box, Louise was in a state of wild elation. The King, Rachel, the theatre, the crows, the orchids, Father, Mlle Henriette. It was almost too much to be true!

Mlle Henriette, who had gone against her better judgment, was horrified to read in the morning paper:

"The fact that the Duc and Duchess de Pr . . . have not appeared in public for some time has given rise to rumours of dissension between them . . . The Duchess is understood to be in the South for her health . . . The Duc's box was not without its feminine adornment, however, for, beside his daughter, he was accompanied by a very attractive Mademoiselle D . . . who is said to be a governess. The King, who was present, was seen to smile and bow at them. Was this, we ask, a sign of royal approval?"

(To be continued to-morrow)

Yellow River Floods Feared

SHANGHAI, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—The Nanking regime is seeking the co-operation of the Chungking Government in the problem of repairing the Yellow River dykes quickly in order to prevent serious floods in Kiangsu and Anhwei, according to Chinese press reports.

A Nanking official is reported to have stated that Chungking must co-operate since some of the dykes are in Chungking-controlled areas.

It is stated, however, that hitherto no actual telegraphic request has been formally made by Nanking to Chungking.

Yen Transfer Restrictions

SHANGHAI, Apr. 9 (Reuter).—The new exchange restrictions published by the exchange control limit the amount permitted to be carried by travellers from Japan to China to Yen 200 only, reports the "Tairiku Shimpo."

However, permission may be obtained from the Japanese Ministry of Finance to carry sums exceeding the limit up to Yen 500.

Remittances from Japan to China will be curtailed to Yen 500. Remittances up to this amount may be made without obtaining permission from the Ministry of Finance.

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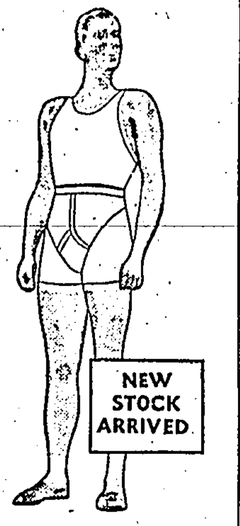
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Fiery Onslaught By Greeks In Latest Albanian Offensive

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The offensive operations begun by the Greek troops on the Albanian front yesterday continue with "exceptional success," according to the latest reports from the front, says the Athens radio to-night.

The announcer continued: "In the early hours of yesterday, after artillery preparation, our forces launched a strong attack. The violence of our action was so great that enemy fortified positions, barbed-wire entanglements and machine-gun nests were annihilated.

"The enemy was chased out of his positions and suffered a real debacle in men and material. The struggle continued throughout the day. The Italians left dead, wounded and war material on the battle-field and prisoners in our hands."

Defences Taken Over

Describing the attack, the correspondent at the front of the newspaper "Estia" says: "Greek infantry detachments fell upon the enemy with tempestuous violence. Fortified works, machine-gun posts and several lines of trenches were captured at the point of the bayonet in a sweeping charge. Our troops then occupied and reorganised these Italian positions.

"Prisoners were taken in big numbers together with plentiful stores and ammunition. Italian casualties in killed and wounded were heavy."

NAVAL LIAISON U.S. & R.N.

Same Equipment

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Under-Secretary of the Navy, Mr James Forrestal, is leaving for Britain in about a fortnight "to establish close liaison" between the Navy Department and the British Admiralty on matters connected with the Lease and Lend programme.

In making this announcement, the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, said that the Navy Department was handling purchases of material in the United States for the British Navy under the Lease and Lend Act and was also undertaking repairs to British warships.

Expedite Repairs

"Efforts are being made very rapidly to establish suitable uniformity in naval equipment," added Colonel Knox, who explained that the object was to expedite purchases and repairs.

One of the chief purposes of Mr Forrestal's trip to Britain, according to naval circles, would be to see if some method could be found whereby the British could use more American naval weapons and other equipment not standard in the Royal Navy.

Burma Road Repaired

Questions In Commons

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Central News).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr Gibson asked the Foreign Secretary whether he had considered the speech made in Berlin by Mr Matsuoka praying for a speedy victory for Germany and whether the British Government had sent General Chiang Kai-shek a message of encouragement and support on lines similar to that sent by President Roosevelt.

Mr Gibson further asked what steps the British, Indian and Burmese Governments have taken jointly and severally to keep open the Burma Road in order to aid the Chinese in resisting the aggressor in China.

Replying, Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that he had seen press reports on Mr Matsuoka's statement. The British Government's policy was stated on March 20, and it is, he said, already fully understood by General Chiang.

Regarding the Burma Road, Mr Butler stated that owing to Japanese bombing of the bridges at Mekong and Salween, there has been certain interruption of traffic but repairs have been effected and the road is now open to traffic over its entire length.

R.A.F. ATTACK ON KIEL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 8 (UP).—The Air Ministry to-day announced that the Bomber Command last night made a heavy and successful attack on Kiel.

Great fires were started and there was much destruction in the submarine building yards.

The raid lasted nearly five hours.

Attacks were also made on Bremerhaven and Emden.

Heavy Bomb Loads

LONDON, Apr. 8 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced that during last night's air attack on Kiel, the British bombers carried the heaviest loads ever dropped on Germany in a single night.

Mexican Sympathy

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs has sent a message of sympathy with Greece and Yugo-Slavia to the Mexican Consul-General in London to-day.

The message says that Mexico has no diplomatic relations with Greece and Yugo-Slavia, but an official link is not required by two peoples for one to feel moved when the other is dragged into a conflict for the development of which it has no blame.

Bombing Of Sofia Described

Trucks Hurled In Air

ATHENS, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—"I should not have liked to be anywhere near the Sofia railway station on Sunday night as the neighbourhood of the railway junction must have been particularly unhealthy," said one of the R.A.F. pilots on his return from a raid on Sofia.

He continued: "One stick of bombs from our aircraft scored direct hits on the tracks and we saw trucks being hurled into the air. It was good bombing all right. We were not the only ones to score because we saw a continuous white glow where the station buildings of Sofia should have been when we arrived.

Searchlights Attacked

"My navigator was saved much trouble by the fires which guided us to our target. It was a small edition of the fires which burn every night in the Ruhr. The front gunner put paid to the crews of a couple of searchlights and anti-aircraft gun before we got down to business.

"The anti-aircraft fire was pretty intense but we got to our targets all right and bombed and stayed to watch the results. Then we had a crack at the convoys on the road down the Struma Valley, machine-gunning them. After that, we made for home."

Nazi Plane Down

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—One enemy fighter was shot down in the Channel during the day.

A few bombs were dropped on the East Anglian coast at mid-day, causing little damage and no casualties, states the Air Ministry.

Quiet Evening

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—There was no alert in London up to a late hour to-night.

March Death Roll

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Air raid casualties in Britain during March were 4,259 civilians killed and 5,557 injured and detained in hospital, announces the Minister of Home Security.

U. S. STRIKES

Ford Will Negotiate

DETROIT, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—For the first time in its 38 years' life, the Ford Motor Company will negotiate directly with Labour Union officials. The negotiations will be the direct result of the strike at the company's gigantic River Rouge plant which is paralysing production.

As a result of the company's decision to negotiate, the Governor of Michigan issued a statement saying "the new developments towards the settlement of the strike at the Ford Motor Company is encouraging to all parties."

Bulgars Watch Macedonia

Friendship With Serbs

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—"All Bulgaria follows with bated breath the war operations in Macedonia," said the Bulgarian Prime Minister, Dr Filoff, addressing a Sobranje meeting to-day, according to a Sofia message to the official German news agency.

Dr Filoff complained of the dropping of bombs on Bulgarian territory although no Bulgarian forces were taking part in the operations.

Dr Filoff also referred to the signing of the Vienna Pact by the Yugo-Slav Premier and Foreign Minister, Dr Cvetkovich and Dr Cincar-Markovitch respectively, on March 25, saying that the Pact established a valuable link between Yugo-Slavia and Bulgaria, between which countries a pact of eternal friendship had been concluded.

German Planes Raid N. Ireland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ZURICH, Apr. 8 (UP).—The German radio was heard to announce that for the first time during the war, German planes attacked northern Ireland. They reported that several large fires had been started.

U-BOAT CREWS CAPTURED

Recent Operations

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Over 50 German U-boat officers, including one of Germany's ace commanders, and considerably more than 400 German petty officers and men are prisoners of war.

These figures are given in an Admiralty communique which adds that the number of U-boats operating has lately been large and British countermeasures have recently met with correspondingly greater success.

One of the prisoners is Commander Kretschmer, the Captain of U-boat 99, who is regarded in Germany as one of the most notable and successful of U-boat commanders. In August, 1940, he was decorated with the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross. Last December, Hitler bestowed on him the Oak Leaves, denoting a higher class of this decoration. He recently received special promotion.

Italians As Well

The communique also says that there are also a number of Italian U-boat prisoners in British hands.

As no guidance is given of the number of U-boats sunk without a trace and as many prisoners may be only a proportion of the crews, the Admiralty figures do not make it possible to calculate how many U-boats have been sunk.

The normal complement of German submarines varies from 23 in the coastal type to 35 and 40 in the ocean-going type.

Notable Captive

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Commander Kretschmer, one of the leading German U-boat captains, who is now a prisoner of war, is the man who sank the two British auxiliary cruisers, Laurentic and Patroclus, according to the German High Command.

The High Command in December claimed that Commander Kretschmer was the first Commander to sink more than 250,000 tons of shipping. His latest sinkings included the destroyer, H.M.S. Daring.

Roosevelt's Message To King Peter

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has cabled King Peter of Yugo-Slavia assuring him of all possible material aid for Yugo-Slavia.

The President's message says that the people of the United States were profoundly shocked by the unprovoked and ruthless aggression on the people of Yugo-Slavia. He expresses admiration for the "courageous self-defence of the Yugo-Slav people, constituting one more shining example of their traditional bravery," and adds: "As I have assured Your Majesty's Government, the United States will speedily furnish all the material assistance possible in accordance with its existing statutes.

"I send Your Majesty my most earnest hopes for a successful resistance to this criminal assault upon the independence and integrity of your country."

War Aid For Yugo-Slavia

U.S. Loading Ships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (UP).—Authoritative sources to-day revealed that the first shipment of unspecified types of war materials for Yugo-Slavia is already being loaded on ships at United States coastal points. The materials are likely to include 75 m.m. guns.

Meanwhile, shipping is the major problem and the Yugo-Slavian Minister, M. Fotich, has arranged to requisition seven Yugo-Slavian ships in United States waters, but it is not known whether or not they will be used for the first shipments.

CROAT UNITY WITH COUNTRY

Dr Matchek's Appeal

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—A call to Croats for unity and discipline was uttered over the Zagreb wireless to-night by Dr Vladimir Matchek, the Croat leader and Vice-Premier in General Simovitch's Cabinet.

The catastrophe of war, he says, can be lessened if the people are united and disciplined.

Assuring the Croats that he was going to remain among them and share with them every sorrow and trial, he urges them to "have faith in God and the unity of the Peasant Party."

Bomber Crash

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NORFOLK, Va. Apr. 8 (UP).—The Naval Station here reported they had located the wreckage of a bomber plane off the east coast of Virginia to-day but found no survivors.

Kunming Heavily Bombed

KUNMING, April 9 (Central News).—Twenty-seven Japanese bombers carried out a devastating raid over Kunming shortly after noon yesterday. Numerous light and heavy bombs and incendiary bombs were showered over various parts of the city causing three big fires, as a result of which many houses were demolished and burned down.

The British Consulate, the office of the National Red Cross Society of China and several other institutions were also damaged.

Yesterday's raid was the first since February 26.

Anyi Besieged

SHANGKAO, Apr. 8 (Central News).—Despite stubborn Japanese resistance, Chinese forces are vigorously battering their way forward toward Anyi, important Japanese base 20 miles north-west of Nanchang. Following the capture of Hsiaochikai, a strategic point near Anyi on April 6, the Chinese are laying siege to the city itself.

The Japanese in Anyi are said to be in a critical position. Only a quick withdrawal can save them.

Guerilla Activity

SHANGHAI, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—With the coming of spring, Chinese guerillas have intensified their activity in various areas of Kiangsu and Chekiang provinces, especially along the Nanking-Hangchow Railway, according to Chinese press reports.

Heavy fighting is said to be in progress at Chapu in Northern Kiangsu facing Hangchow Bay, where the Japanese are reported to have suffered 500 casualties recently.

To subdue these guerilla forces, considerable numbers of Japanese troops are said to have been withdrawn from Shanghai with the result that many strategic points here are now defended by troops of the Japanese-sponsored Wang Ching-wei regime.

SHIPPING FIGURES

Nazi Propaganda

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—How Germany juggles with figures in her propaganda war against British shipping is exposed by a survey of German claims for March made in authoritative circles in London.

German day to day claims, it is pointed out, are the most exaggerated. The sum of these is always greater than each "weekly total" issued by the Nazis.

For example, the figures for the third week of the battle for the Atlantic total 387,000 tons while the day to day figures add up to 422,000 tons.

In the second week, when no weekly total was claimed, the day to day figure was 185,000 tons.

Similarly, the sum of the weekly figures broadcast to all countries is greater than the monthly total given.

For example, the monthly total for March was 718,000 tons is equalled by the first, third and fourth weekly totals. The 185,000 tons claimed by the day to day total in the second week never appears again.

Lastly, as part of the war of nerves against Britain, the figures given in broadcasts to England are always higher than those cited to places elsewhere.

PRISONER KING HAS BIRTHDAY

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—King Leopold of the Belgians, whose birthday occurs to-day, is described as "Our Prisoner King" in the Order of the Day issued to his troops by General van Strijdock de Burkel, Commander of the Belgian forces in Great Britain.

He urges his men to "work, train ourselves and prepare for victory. We shall free Belgium, who will rise again, great, united and prosperous."

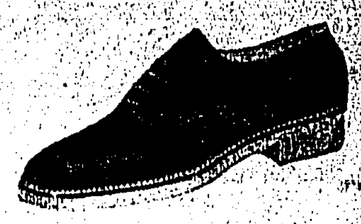


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Around The Courses

U.S. Professionals In The Balance

Runyan's Ranking Of Sam Snead Results In Minor Outburst

Kowloon-Happy Valley Match

(By "Birdie")

IF WRITING could show a hoarse voice, these words would be blurred and unreadable, and it is all the result of the foul golfing weather we had on Sunday. On Saturday, in shorts and a sports singlet one perspired; on Sunday, with two sweaters and a muffler the biting wind still got through and for the first few holes gave one the shivers.

And then it rained in the afternoon.

The annual match between teams selected by the President and Captain of the Country Club Sheungshui, was called off when the rain came down, and as someone had to pay for the dinner after the match, the scores were reckoned at the time of abandonment and the President's side were hosts.

On the singles matches in the morning, however, the Captain's team had gained a slight lead of 1½ points.

This is, I think, the third year in succession that this match has been abandoned through rain. To some it proves a long and disastrous interval before dinner.

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PERIODICALLY, the American professionals voice their opinions as to who is the best golfer in their ranks, and recently Paul Runyan started something when he lauded Sam Snead the best golfer who has ever lived.

Two days later the storm broke in the locker room following the New Orleans Open Tournament, and Jimmy Demaret spoke for them all. Who, demanded the Texan, was Paul Runyan to say that Snead was the greatest golfer that ever lived? "Runyan beat Snead 8 and 7 in the 1938 P.G.A. final. I beat him 4 and 3 in the San Francisco match play. What does that make me?"

Runyan had said that though Snead would probably never equal Bobby Jones' record because competition to-day was keener, yet Snead stood alone for the ease with which he swung, and for the less work taken to complete that swing; and for his competitive disposition in that he could relax and forget bad shots.

Demaret jumped into this breach by pointing out that Bobby Jones and Walter Hagan were the world's best. Jones had won three British Opens, four U.S. opens, a British amateur and five U.S. amateurs. Hagen claims five P.G.A. championships, four British opens, two U.S. opens and 100 sectional tournaments.

To Snead, Runyan conceded no weakness, though he admitted that Byron Nelson was the better shotmaker. His order with the clubs was:

Driver.—Snead, Nelson, Ben Hogan and Harry Cooper.

Brassie.—Snead, Lawson Little, Horton Smith, Craig Wood and Jimmy Thomson.

Spoon.—Cooper and Horton Smith.

Long Irons.—Nelson and Lloyd Mangrum.

Nos. 4 and 5.—Nelson, Ralph Guldahl and Snead.

Nos. 6, 7 and 8.—Guldahl; Johnny Revolta and himself.

Putter.—Horton Smith in a class by himself.

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AS a reminder to the players in the Kowloon-Happy Valley match at Kowloon on Good Friday, the following are the starting times:

A.M.		P.M.
9.50	R. K. Collings, D. S. Edward	2.00
9.54	A. J. Dennis, K. S. Robertson	"
9.58	K. S. Mackenzie, A. McKellar	2.05
10.02	T. B. Low, T. Low	"
10.06	H. S. Phillips, A. C. I. Bowker	2.10
10.10	A. L. Eastman, W. Sharp	"
10.14	W. C. Simpson, H. H. Mundy	2.15
10.18	W. V. Ahern, A. D. Humphreys	"
10.22	T. Lamb, L. M. S. Lloyd	2.20
10.26	F. C. Barry, A. L. Penn	"
10.30	A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Willerton	2.25
10.34	A. A. Lopes, N. J. Bebbington	"
10.38	E. F. Fincher, C. E. F. Simpson	2.30
10.42	S. Jex, N. J. Booker	"
10.46	J. McKee, G. Davies	2.35
10.50	W. Kershaw, W. Stoker	"
	Reserves	
9.54	E. C. Fincher, N. D. Booker	2.40
9.58	J. Coles, M. A. Cairns	"

Fourballs in the afternoon will be played according to the times on the right.

To-day's Tennis

YESTERDAY'S doubles match, W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher v. Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui, was postponed owing to the sodden state of the ground. This match will be played to-morrow and the winners will meet the Tsui brothers in the semi-finals.

To-day's matches in the Open Tournament are:

Singles

G. Chon v. Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court).

Pang Oi-lam v. H. D. Rumjahn.

Hockey

International Tournament Abandoned

At a meeting of the Hockey Association yesterday at the European Y.M.C.A. it was decided not to hold the International Tournament this year as Volunteer and other duties made it very difficult to organise matches.

The Six-a-Side Tournament will be held, however. Entries will close on April 16. Entries, accompanied by a fee of $2 per team, should be sent to Mr D. T. Smith, Hon. Secretary, at the Harbour Office.

Sigmn Halstead, Royal Corps of Signals, who was reported for allegedly insulting a referee during the interval of a League match, was censured.

Chinese Selections For International Softball Series

The Chinese selection committee of P. K. Lau, Bill Woo and Kenny Wong have selected the following to represent China in the International Series:—

Girls	Position	Men
Dot Louie	Catcher	Nip Lum
Mary Ng	Pitcher	Herbie Quon
Rene Yuen	1st base	Ross Mark
Rosie Louie	2nd base	Luke Bunn
Gloria Mar	3rd base	Wally Ching
Lily Mar	shortstop	Hill Chang
Mary Mar	left field	Henry Ali
Virginia Chiu	centre field	P. F. Choy
Ullan Khoo	right field	Dick Chung
Doris Mar	Alternate	G. G. Lee
Alice Tsang	"	Hal Wingleo
Alice Mar	"	Long
Margaret Young	"	Howard Lee
Ella Chinn		

Grandpa Leung will manage both teams.

Charity Basketball

Two basketball games in aid of the Y.M.C.A. Relief Committee were staged yesterday at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Hongkong A.R.P. girls were defeated by the visiting Macao All Stars 26-39.

In the boys' game Hongkong Pui Ying School smashed the Macao All Stars 50-38.

Craigengower XI

The following will represent Craigengower Cricket Club in a Second Division League Cricket match against Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday at Cox's Road:

A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

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The THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on **SATURDAY, 12th and MONDAY, 14th April, 1941,** commencing at **11.30** a.m. on both days.

The First Bell will be rung at **11.00** a.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on both days.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 9.45 a.m. on both days.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 7th April, 1941.

Badminton Thrills At Kowloon C.C.

Championship Quarter-Finals

(By "Tinker")

EARLIER EXPECTATIONS that this year would see some of the finest badminton ever in the Colony Championships were partly realised in the Quarter-final matches at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night. I say "partly" because there is promise of more to come.

A glance at the scores below with the realisation that their closeness was coupled throughout with a remarkably high standard of play can only give a part picture of the thrills that attended the matches. In the Wong-Au v. Eardley-Smith match, the score was 14-all in the final game while service changed hands three times!

Scores in brief were:

JUNIOR SINGLES

T. S. Young beat N. L. Smith 15-8, 11-15, 15-12.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier beat P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu 11-15, 15-7, 18-17.

SENIOR DOUBLES

K. W. Choy and K. B. Low beat M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho 15-8, 15-5.

P. Wong and C. Au beat H. C. Eardley and N. L. Smith 15-18, 15-10, 18-17.

T. S. YOUNG provided the surprise of the evening when he beat Smith in the Junior Singles. Smith, favourite for the title, was not up to standard, though it must be said that Young gave an inspired display, and in every respect was deserving of his win.

He matched Smith shot for shot and came out on top. For only a brief period in the third game did Smith's smash work well, and this was offset by the excellent placing of Young's returns.

Thrilling Doubles

THRILLS abounded in the Wong-Au v. Eardley-Smith match. Eardley played one of the finest games he has ever done to date in Hongkong and smashed with a brilliance that outshone anything that came over from the other side. But in between these shots, especially when moments were tense, he committed errors that would have had disastrous effect on a more temperamental player than Smith.

The latter was well in the picture during the closing stages of the second and throughout the final games. It was his second match of the evening, but it did not impair his agility, though if anything his earlier game had had the effect of putting him in his stride.

The shuttle flew back and forth with dizzying speed, and rallies despite this were often prolonged with shots that kept spectators on a continual verge of outburst.

Wong was not quite up to his usual form, and on several occasions hit into the net or outside the lines. But at crucial moments he and his partner rose to the occasion.

The End

THE FINAL GAME brought forth the greatness of all four players. Amid continuous applause the score levelled off at 13-all. It was setted at five, and then Wong and Au proceeded to run off four points before service changed hands.

This was the first of the great moments for the eventual losers. They took two points and then lost service again. But once more they secured service and scored another two points to make it 4-all!

Then three times service changed hands without a point being scored! And finally Wong and Au won when Eardley misjudged a shortish one at the net and completely missed the shuttle!!

Earlier Excitement

EARLIER excitement was in the Junior Doubles match in which Pereira and Xavier beat Leung and Chiu in three games.

Pereira was the man of this match, and was all over the court giving assistance to his partner who was sadly out of the picture. On the other side of the net, Chiu and Leung were extremely active, but lost quite a number of points through overexcitedness. Leung scored on several occasions with excellently placed drop shots.

Out-Played

M. A. OLIVEIRA and L. A. Carvalho were outplayed by the brilliance of K. W. Choy and K. B. Low. Choy was the controlling power of the winning combination, though he, too, on one occasion completely missed the shuttle His powerful smash was skilfully concealed and mixed up in a series of drop shots, and the deceptiveness with which he turns one into the other at the last moment had the Recreio pair often on the wrong foot.

Oliveira and Carvalho did as well as could be expected against a combination of this type, for K. B. Low was extremely agile and useful at the net.

Bad Decisions

There seemed to be a remarkable number of bad line decisions by the linesmen in these games last night. They occurred, too, frequently at vital moments.

One was in the Young-Smith game when Young was leading 3-0 in the second game. Service changed hands on a decision that was doubtful, to say the least, and instead of the score then being 4-0 in Young's favour, Smith took service and ran off five points before Young was able to recover.

The second was at the end of the second game in the Wong-Au v. Eardley-Smith match. Wong was leading 14-10 when the shuttle dropped over the line to give him game. He and his partner commenced to walk off the court, but the linesman gave the shuttle as in. Service changed hands, and there might have been a different story to tell, but Wong took the service back with two excellent smashes.

Another was in this same match in the third game. A line ball was given right—against Wong—and though it was early in the game, it apparently had the effect of throwing Wong out somewhat for he was then guilty of several bad smashes into the net.

"B" Division Play-off To-day

The champions of the "B" Division of the Badminton League will be decided to-night at the Club de Recreio at 8 p.m. when Chung Wah, winners of the "A" Section, meet St John's, winners of the "B" Section, in the final play-off.

New Softball Champions For 1940/41 Season

Recreio Aces Humbled By Powerful Saints

Gonsales' Great Pitching

(By "Ball Fan")

HERALDING the sensational rise of new Colony softball champions, the local ball season officially ended over the weekend in cold dismal weather. A fair crowd of rabid ball fans shivered through a perfect exhibition of errorless ball dished up by St Joseph's burly ballhawks in taking the senior loop pennant with a 3-0 victory over the rough riding Recs.

Abe Liu's Chinese Baseball Clubbers closed out their season in grand style with a well-timed win over a battling Filipino nine, 9-6, while the Lacas luminaries took a 9-6 win from Abbie Ablong's fighting Shell Oilers in an Inter-Hong confab.

ST JOSEPH'S slugging ballhawks, in coming through with a 3-0 win over the rough riding Recs, dished up a brand of ball which indicated to the utmost that they are in with the "class of champions".

Taking their first senior loop pennant since the inauguration of local softball, the power-clouting Saints played errorless ball behind the confident hurling lefty Frankie Gonsales.

The youthful Saint slab artist, jinxed for two years by Recreio's well-known Indian sign, had his control ball working to perfection, limiting the dangerous rough riding sluggers to two small bingles in a masterful shutout performance.

The champion's inside defence, called by many to be the "infield of infields", fairly sparkled with dazzling efficiency as they accepted twenty-five chances without a break in this all-important championship encounter.

Paced by the terrific clouting of Jindo Hussain, whose two doubles and a single highlighted a brilliant display dished up by the peppery outfielder, the champion Saints took the precious lead in the 2nd frame with a single tally, adding another run in the 3rd inning as George Sousa barged across the plate on Arturo Ozorio's classy single to right.

The winners tapered off with a final run in the 5th stanza as Sousa crashed home once more to start the rabid Saint fans roaring in championship frenzy.

The rough riding Recs, weakened by the loss of Eddie and A. V. Gosano, did not appear like the title-holding teams of old, in bowing out to a pennant-inspiring Collegian nine.

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ABE Liu's classy C.B.C. cohorts tallied five runs in a wild 5th inning scoring outburst to clinch the game from prexy Ildefonso's battling Filipino Clubbers 9-6.

For four torrid frames the Island boys had the Chinese Baseballers on the run, taking a 4-2 lead to send the Island hopes soaring, but the inability of the losers to counter the Chinese bunting threat sent Abe Liu's gang fluttering to victory in their final game of the year.

Chinese hurler Den Crary added to his strike-out record with nine cleancut whiffs, but in the cold damp setting found the old control slightly lacking to issue six free passes.

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IN the Inter-Hong opener, Kassa Nazarin's Lacas lads took the Shell Oilers into camp 9-6. The gasselling gang had 5-1 lead in the 4th innings, but the winners cashed in with five tallies in their half of the stanza and added three more in the 6th as Bob Laurel, Baby Abbas and Skelly Razack came sailing home with win-laden runs.

Sunday's Stars

Baby Abbas and Madeen Arculli, Lacas—Former led the winner's run attack, slashing out a terrifying triple and double besides coming home with three tallies; latter also played havoc with the slugging-wand making three clean bingles and driving in two runs.

Jindo Hussain and Frankie Gonsales, St Joseph's—Former's two dynamite doubles and single in a perfect day at bat paced the winner's in their championship game; Frankie shut out the rough riding Recs with two measly bingles to break a long-recorded jinx.

Victor Lim and Willie Wilson, C.B.C.—Victor tore around those bases in rabbit-like fashion to lead the stolen base aspirants with three well-timed efforts; latter led the C.B.C. sluggers with a double and single, and drove in a run.

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Britons Still Chafe Under Yangtse Restrictions

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Stranded Britishers in Ichang, British shipping on the Yangtse and the alleged round-up of dissident Chinese seamen in Britain were the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir Alexander Russell asked what the Government was doing about the subsistence of Britishers in Ichang who had great difficulty in obtaining supplies owing to the boycott.

Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that a complaint on this point was made last July, after which the situation eased. One further complaint was made this February and the matter had been taken up with the Japanese, who had offered to facilitate the hiring of a truck to carry supplies.

Sir Alexander Russell, in another question about the Yangtse, suggested that Japanese shipping be refused facilities in British ports, including the Dominions and the colonies.

General Policy

Mr Butler said that the Yangtse question was inseparable from the general policy of Japan towards Britain and other foreign interests in China, on which he had made a statement on April 2.

The Labour member, Mr David Adams, asked whether the Home Secretary was aware that search parties were recently instituted in the East End in London and elsewhere for the purpose of collecting Chinese seamen protesting against the non-payment of bonus and that these men were taken to a port for shipment to China.

The Under-Secretary for Home Affairs, Captain O. Peake, replied that he had no knowledge of such search parties but recently a number of Chinese seamen, who were convicted for absence without leave or refusing to obey orders, were repatriated.

Palestinian Economics

JERUSALEM, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—A 25 per cent. increase in rates has been decided on by the Jerusalem Municipal Council.

The increase is due to the general desire in Palestine to ease the burden on British tax-payers who contribute grants towards the expenses of the Palestine municipalities.

Drastic provisions of the British Budget have greatly impressed all quarters in Palestine and the high rate was announced subsequent to the publication of the Budget figures.

Soviet Pact With Yugo-Slavia

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 8 Reuter).—The Russo-Yugo-Slav Pact has made a great impression in Berlin.

Political circles there are excitedly speculating on the reason for the Russian action which "is hardly likely to give Berlin the impression that Russia is particularly friendly," states the Berlin correspondent of the "Stockholm Tidningen."

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Decorations For Brave Officers

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Six officers of the aircraft carrier Illustrious have been decorated for "gallant services against enemy aircraft" according to to-night's "London Gazette."

The Illustrious was hit seven times when attacked by dive bombers in the Mediterranean during January but she succeeded in reaching her base.

One officer receives the D.S.O. and one receives the bar to this decoration. The other four officers receive the D.S.C.

Dazzling Work By British Pilots In Western Desert

CAIRO, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Aircraft of the R.A.F. and Royal Australian Air Force in Cirenaica have been operating continuously for the past week, covering a concentration of Imperial troops in their new positions and harassing the enemy's lines of communication, says a Middle East communique.

The communique adds: "Our bombers raided aerodromes in the neighbourhood of Benghazi and, assisted by fighters, have attacked enemy motor transport and troop concentrations ceaselessly.

"Detailed reports are not available but during one day alone our fighters shot down 14 enemy aircraft, believed to be German, without loss to themselves.

"On another day, four enemy aircraft were destroyed, again without the loss of a British plane."

Abyssinia Bombed

NAIROBI, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—To-day's official air communique states: "Further details of the South African Air Force raid on Kombulcha on April 6 show that our fighters destroyed ten enemy aircraft dispersed at the aerodrome and damaged many others of all types.

"In addition, our fighter escort shot down two CR42's at Kombulcha, where another enemy aircraft taking off was also damaged and another, taxi-ing on the runway, was destroyed.

"Other bombers secured direct hits on aerodrome buildings at Dessie and several heavy bombs were dropped on a motor transport park north of the buildings.

"Motor transport on the Dessie Road was attacked by bombers and fighters and several lorries were also attacked."

Matsuoka To Stay Over In Moscow

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, who is scheduled to leave Moscow on Thursday for Tokyo, is now to stay in the Soviet capital until Easter Sunday, according to an official German news Agency dispatch from Moscow.

Argentine View

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The "O Journal" says that Mr Matsuoka's mission can have a definite result for the Tripartite alliance in the sense of denuding it of any practical effect.

The ever keen and intelligent Japanese will, at the right moment, call a pacifist group into the Government and Admiral Yonai, former President of the Council and a known friend of the United States and England, will return perhaps as head of a Cabinet which will rid itself of compromises which no longer correspond to the interests of the Empire.

For Leningrad

MOSCOW, Apr. 8 (UP).—Japanese circles to-day announced that Mr Matsuoka will go to Leningrad on Wednesday night to re-visit the city where he held a diplomatic post before the revolution. He will return to Moscow on Friday and will leave for Tokyo next Sunday.

Rumanian Oil

ISTANBUL, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Rumanian oil companies have stopped deliveries of lubricating oil to Turkey, reports the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

The action is said to have been taken because the entire production is absorbed by home needs.

Rupture With Hungary

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The German view of the rupture of Anglo-Hungarian diplomatic relations is given by a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman quoted by the German radio.

He described it as "flight before events which were bound to happen one day."

Replying to a question, the spokesman declared that Turkey was not part of the Balkans and that as far as Berlin was aware, nothing had changed in German-Turkish relations since the exchange of messages between Hitler and the Turkish President.

Teleki's Policy

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The Hungarian Government will pursue without change the policy of the late Count Teleki, declared the new Prime Minister, Dr de Bardossy, addressing members of the Government Party.

This message was received by telegram from Budapest to the official French agency.

The Minister of the Interior has announced that foreigners now in Hungary can leave the country only by obtaining a special permit.

Raid On Norway

LONDON, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Ten people were arrested at Svolvaer after the Lofoten Islands raid and are said to be among the first prisoners sent to a German concentration camp at Oslo, according to the Norwegian telegraphic agency.

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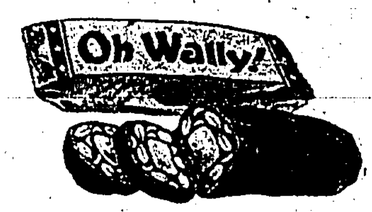
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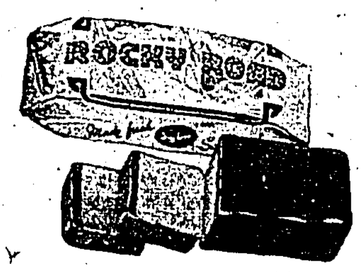
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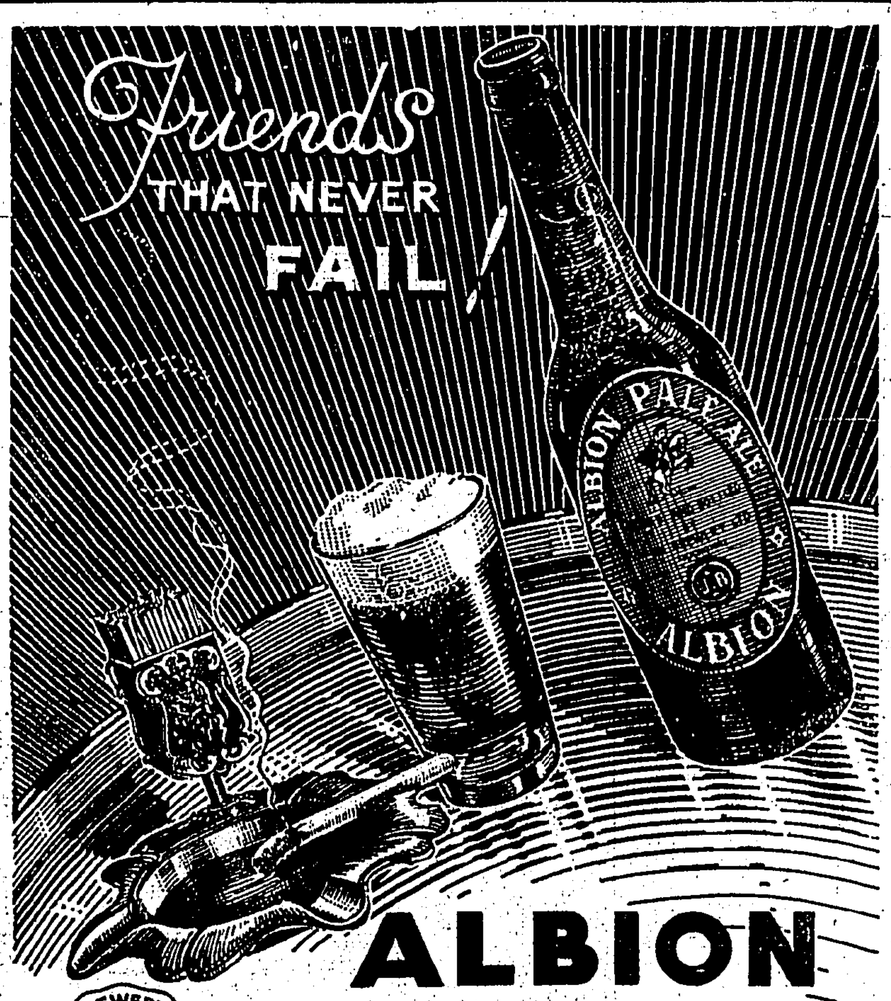
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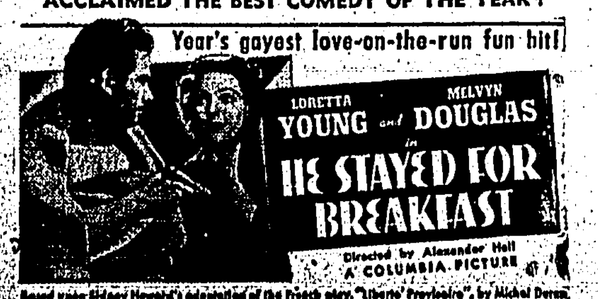


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S. African Riots

Report On Inquiry

CAPETOWN, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—The report of the Commission of Inquiry into the riots in Johannesburg on January 31 and February 1 last, in which thousands of civilians, soldiers and police were involved following a speech by the leader of the extreme Republican Ossewabrandwag organisation is now published.

It recommends that the military authorities take adequate precautions to prevent disorders when soldiers are on leave and severely punish the participants in disorders; that in order to restore public confidence in the Police force and obviate further dissension within its ranks all signs of distinction between members of the Force should be removed; the effective strength of the Police Force should be increased and severe disciplinary measures be taken against those members of the Force who disobey orders or commit unnecessary acts of violence.

Closer co-operation between the military, the Police, the Civil Guards and the Civilians Protection services should be established.

LATE NEWS

Amazing Greek Resistance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Apr. 8 (UP).—Greek forces, though greatly outnumbered, to-night are making valiant efforts to dam the advance of the German Panzer divisions as they roll into Yugo-Slavia now that the Serbs have withdrawn, leaving the Greek left flank exposed to the great modern mechanised invaders.

Fighting desperately on the Greece-Bulgaria frontier, the Greeks, while inferior in numbers, recaptured two more forts they lost to the Germans yesterday. Meanwhile, other Greek shock troops are making a big effort to stem the violent Panzer attacks in the Struma region.

The main Greek forces are gathering all available war material in order to form defence lines west of Salonika.

The evacuation of eastern Thrace, giving the Germans access to the Aegean, was visualised weeks ago and is part of the superior strategy which, in the case of dire necessity, may be extended to include other important sea coast areas.

Very heavy fighting, according to the Government spokesman, continues due east of Salonika along the Struma River where the Germans were "not only repulsed, but dispersed."

BOMBER FUND RAFFLE

From an early hour this morning the Bomber Fund tickets found a ready sale, especially at the four main centres. Sales will cease at 5 p.m. to-day. In the meantime, arrangements for the drawing of the prizes by His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor are practically completed. Loud speakers have been installed throughout the ground floor lounge at the Peninsula Hotel. It is expected that the draw, which will commence at 2 p.m. to-morrow, will take six or seven hours.

U-Boat Claims Hit On H.M.S. Malaya

BERLIN, April 8 (Domei).—According to a report received by the German military authorities, a German submarine attacked the British battleship Malaya, 33,100 tons, while she was convoying transports in the Atlantic and scored a direct hit. Indications are that the Malaya will need seven months to complete repairs.

Louis Wins Again

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ST LOUIS, Apr. 8 (UP).—Joe Louis, fighting at 203 pounds, technically knocked Tony Musto (199 lbs) in the ninth round of their heavyweight championship bout to-night.

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ADDIS ABABA: NO INCIDENTS

NAIROBI, Apr. 8 (Reuter).—Many Italian airmen were taken prisoner when the British Imperial troops occupied Addis Ababa, according to an official communique issued here today, which states, "following up the leading elements which entered Addis Ababa late the previous evening, the South African, East African and West African troops occupied the city on on April 6.

"There were no incidents, the Italian officers handing over the town with its essential services intact. A considerable number of prisoners, including many airmen, were taken. Operations in this area continue, and the enemy are being followed up on all fronts."

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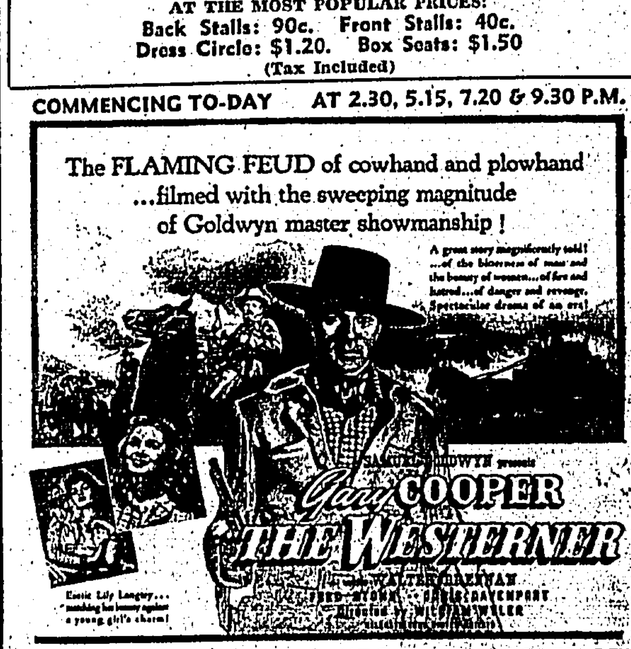
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